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WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

Date of Sailing. Saturday	Steamers.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
2-39 P.M. 1907.				
24th Aug.	PENINSULAR	5294	HIMALAYA	6898
31st "	* CALEDONIA	7986		
7th Sept.	PENINSULAR	5294	MOLDAVIA	9630
14th "	EGYPT	7912		
21st "	PENINSULAR	5294	INDIA	7911
28th "	MARMORA	10600		
5th Oct.	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9505
12th "	ARABIA	7903		
19th "	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6522
26th "	PERSIA	7957		
2nd Nov.	MACEDONIA	10512		
9th "	OCEANA	6510		
16th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MOOLTAN	9627
23rd "	EGYPT	7912		

† Passengers for Marseilles and Gibraltar by this Steamer change at Port Said to the S. S. "Britannia."
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ARMAND BEHIC	6,383	Gelonnet	3rd Oct. "
DOMANIEN	6,143	Magnen	31st " "
CALEDONIEN	4,130	Martin	28th Nov. "
DUMBEA	6,686	Boyer	26th Dec. "
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AFRICA	4596	F. Badessich	1st Dec.
IMPERATOR	4140	F. Mosca	16th "

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WAKAMIYA MARU	...	R. Takeva	1st Sept.	11th Sept.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	...	K. Kori	8th Sept.	18th Sept.
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TAKASAKI MARU	...	.....	29th Sept.	10th Oct.
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25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35
40	36 11	68 12	52 5	44 9	68 11	52 14	44 10	40
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE City Line steamer City of Manchester, 3562 tons, captain H Findlay arrived in harbour yesterday, from Glasgow, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr and Mrs Tulloch and infant, Miss Powell Sub-Lieut M P Cooper, Sub-Lieut E G Morris, Mr T H Robinson, Mr J H Hauston, Mr and Mrs Catchpole and 2 infants Miss Over and Mr J S Grile.

THE Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have decided that Saturday 17th August should be regarded as a Full Weather Working Day for Vessels in the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

R I M S Hardinge ....Comdr G A Rose ..... R I Marine
R I M S Margarita.....Capt W L Kelly..... Pearl Fishery
R I M S Investigator....Capt W G Beauchamp ..... R I Marine
R I M S Dufferin.....Comdr H S Black ..... R I Marine
R I M S Northbrook....N J F Wilson ..... R I Marine
R I M S Pelinurus ....Capt Holloway ..... Survey Boat
Three Torpedo Boats ..... Royal Navy
R I M S Minto.....Lt Comdr Harden ..... R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—August 19

Capri .....2781 Belsito .....F & R S N Co
Dwarka .....759 Moxon.....M M & Co
Inverness.....2401 Clarkson.....Cory Bros
Ipswich .....513 Wallace .....Shah S N Co
Kirkhill .....2275 Dermody.....P Muir & Co
Lawada .....2134 Lone.....Calcutta .....M M & Co
Lalpoora .....2124 Hodgson .....M M & Co
Managon .....3522 Powell.....P & O Co
Onipenta.....3430 Hill .....M M & Co
Orissa .....3523 Kc slie.....M M & Co
Querimba .....4057 Smith.....M M & Co
Rydal Hall .....2755 Fraser.....K Nixon & Co
Shahnoor.....2783 Foster .....Shah S N Co
Shahjehan .....3566 Davison .....Shah S N Co
Shah Nalam .....2751 Davison .....Shah S N Co
Wensleydale .....3538 Seaton .....W & A G & Co
Zoma .....446 Mohamad...K'chi...M F The Shah S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—August 19.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
B	Dinbigh Hall	3211	Dowse	L'pool	22-8	K Nixon & Co
C	Ali City of Manchr	3583	Findlay	K'chi		K Nixon & Co
D & E	Bella	4779	Daniel	Shanghai	21-8	P & O Co
F	Eugeni	1666	Clark	Dunkirk	29-8	K Nixon & Co
H	Hoseinee	983	Jenkins	Mauritius	22-8	B & P S N Co
K	Othello	3327	Muir	Hull	24-8	W & A G & Co
M	Caledonia	3529	Tocque	London	31-8	P & O Co
N	Beckmans	2638	Crome	Phils	24-8	R A Willis
O	Somali	1622	Tunon	Bar	29-8	A Strandes
P	Lindenhall	2706	Sherlo k	London	23-8	W & A G & Co
Q	Mahanadi	547	Atmod	Repairing		Bo S N Co

H W P D

In	Iravati	513	Pakeera	K'chi	22-8	Bo S N Co
S	Jeerumti	524	Mohamad	Repairing		Bo S N Co

V CTORIA DOCK.

1	Nunkea	1944	Davidson	Busreh	19-8	M M & Co
2	Ulcraine	4313	Haig	L'pool	25-8	W & A G & Co
3	Commo ore	2913	Ross	Hull	24-8	W & A G & Co
5	Giovanni	2208	Learmouth	K'chi	31-8	F Muir & Co
7	Persia	3179	Cragilotto	Kobe	21-8	A L S N Co
9	Schonfels	3611	Kloppenburg	K'chi		Glade & Co
10&11	Totemi Maru	3419	Wieckler	Kobe	25-8	N Y Kaisha
12	Oceana	3302	Hayward	Shanghai	3-9	P & O Co
14	Tinga	943	Richford	Karachi	23-8	M M & Co
15	Kattenturn	3313	Volkmann	H'burg	21-8	Glade & Co

M W V D

Kasara	104	Chappel	Busreh	22-8	M M & Co

M W D D

Peninsular	2910	Palmer	Aden	24-8	P & O Co

ARRIVAL.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
19	City of Manchester	Findlay	Glasgow, July 19

DEPARTURE.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
19	Nuddea	Davidson	Persian Gulf, &c

The steamer Bechuana, for Baltimore, began to load yesterday :—

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Aug	Vessel.	From
7	Hermiston	Calcutta
12	Flamingo	Calcutta
13	Camberwell	London
14	Dragoman	Calcutta
16	Rotenfels	Antwerp

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

19	Nizam	Bombay
19	Mombassa	London
19	Bharata	London
19	Pentakota	Negapatam
20	Loodiana	Calcutta
22	Scindia	Colombo
26	Nawab	Bombay
28	Wakamiya Maru	Penang
29	Umkuzi	Calcutta

The dates are approximate only.

DAILY EXPORTS.—AUGUST 19.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Denbigh Hall s—7 bales wool, M Ramgopal ; 10,010 cwts mowraseed, E D Sassoon and Co ; 20 casks castor oil, W and A Graham and Co.

Circassia s—bales silk kakoon, and 56 cwts old copper coin, Killick Nixon and Co; 40 bales hemp, E Oomersey; 16 bales twist N Cursetji and Co; 2500 cwts oilseed cakes, Glade and Co ; 5 cases condiments, M Poonjiajee and Sons; 50 bales twist, A Goolamhoosein and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Linden Hall s—1750 cwts blood manure A Hossain.

FOR GLASGOW.

Circassia s—20 casks castorseed, W and A Graham and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER

Circassia s—260 bales twist Colaba Land and Mill Co; 140 bales twist, City of Bombay, Manufacturing Co; 60 bales twist, Cohen and Fils ; 30 bales twist, The Elphinstone Mill.

FOR HULL.

Commodore s—910 cwts myrabollams E Oomersey.

Othello s—137 cwts iron, castings John Fleming and Co.

FOR BALTIMORE.

Bechuana s—6,100 tons manganese ore, R A Willis.

FOR GENOA.

Denbigh Hall s—165 bales cotton, Walter Favri and Co; 4 bales silk, Waste C Boggiano and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Linden Hall s—39 bales sawri cotton, Kahn and Kahn; 20 bales twist W and A Graham and Co; 76 cwts gum, P Jethabhoy; 76 cwts hemp J K Kapadia and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Umjini s—275 bales cotton, Glazebrook Tejpal and Co ; 10,000 cwts poppyseed, L Dreyfus and Co; 1,007 cwts myrabollams Wagji Becher, 203 cwt gum, J Nurbheram; 25 bales cottonfty, N Damji

FOR HAMBURG.

Kattenturn s—2,001 cwts poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

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FOR HONGKONG.

Persia s—500 bales twist, Sassoon J David and Co, 150 bales twist, Tata Sons and Co; 1,000 bales twists David Sassoon and Co; 700 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co; 500 bales twist, M M Essabhoy.

Delta s—300 bales twist U Ebrahim and Co; 300 bales twist, 2½ cwts genda horns, M M Essabhoy; 40 chests opium C Ebrahim and Co; 13 chests opium, C Bomanji and Co; 5 chests opium. Phirozsha P Petit and Co ; 16 chests opium E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI

Persia s—810 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 50 bales twist, Tata Sons and Co; 500 bales twist, Sassoon J David and Co; 100 bales twist, Framjee Sons and Co.

Delta s—50 bales twist, The M B Kaisha; 3 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 15 chests opium C Bomonji and 5 chests opium Abraham E J Abraham ; 34 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA;

Delta s—5 1/2 cwts ivory, B E Passaya.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth ? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by medicine dealers throughout

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *August* 18.] [BOMBAY, *August* 19.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer.
	Rs.			
1 Bundle Rupees	995	Kuwait	Nuddea	David Sassoon & Co
253 Bars Silver..	....	London	Oceana	Supdt. V & P Docks

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING.] [19TH AUGUST, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Bank Rates—

Bank of England ...4½ per cent. from 15th Aug.
Bank of Bengal .....3 per cent. „ 25th July.
Bank of Bombay.....3 per cent. „ 1st Aug.
Bank of Madras .....4 per cent. „ 9th July.

Money :—

The Bank of Bombay cash balance is up Rs. 28 lakhs.

Exchange :—

There has not been much doing in this market to-day. Rates opened at 1s. 3 31/32d, T. T. and 1s. 4 1/32d. on demand at which there have been few buyers. Credits are generally quoted at 1s. 4 9/32d. for 3 months' sight but bills are in poor supply. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	...	1s. 3 31/32d.
Demand Draft	...	1s. 4 1/32d.
Credits— 3 months' sight	...	1s. 4 9/32d.
Do. 6 months' sight	...	1s. 4 17/32d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France		170 1/4
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.		139 1/4
Hongkong—30 days' sight ...		164 1/2
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...		150 1/4
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...		224

Government Paper :—

There was no change in rates at opening to-day, ready paper being quoted at 96 11/16, and the Settlement at 96 9/16. A small business has been transacted the market closing unchanged with small buyers. Calcutta market is firm at 96⅞ for cash and 96⅞ for delivery forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs.	96-11
1st Settlement	„	96- 9

Bullion :—

Bar Silver in London on Saturday closed at a decline of ⅛ at 31 11/16 ready and 31 13/16 for delivery forward in two months. New York was ⅛ lower at 68½. Locally the market has been steady, opening at 81 5/16 ex-duty and improving to 81 5/16. Forward rates have also improved and close as under. Bar Gold is steady.

	Rs	A.	P
English Bar Gold	24	1	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	8
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	81	5	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	81	3	0
Ditto 2nd „ ...	81	1	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

There is again little appreciable change in our market to-day. Prices are steady at Saturday's quotations. There are buyers of New Crop to some extent at a little below current rates, but sellers are not prepared to meet the demand at anything under present prices, and business is dragging, only small lines being booked by shippers.

In ready cotton a small business was reported at Colaba, though holders were somewhat easier.

NEW CROP.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery
Fine M. G. Broach	273	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	260	„
Fine „ Nagpur Kampti...	235	Jany. 08
„ „ Damangaum Poolgaum ... „	227/8	„
„ „ Khangaum Akola „	219	„
„ „ Amraoti.....	219	„
„ „ Muttia	208	„
F.G.M.G. Khandesh ... „	199	„
Fine M. G. „ ... „	209	„
„ „ Bengals ... „	203	„
F.G.H.G. Bengals.....	185/6	„

OLD CROP.

Good Westerns	224	August
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	249	„

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone ... ... Quiet.
Estimated Sales ... ... 7,000 bales
Total Imports ... ... 5,000 „

Future Delivery Prices :—

Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
6·77 +01	6·31 +01	6·57 +01	6·55 +02	6·54 +02
Jan.-Feb.	**Feb.-March**	**Mar.-Apr.**	**Apr.-May**	
6·53 +02	6·51 +02	6·54 +01	6·55 +01	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is quiet but steady and we quote as under :—

Ready.	Rs.	7	5	0 B. T.
September	„	7	12	6 B. T.

Rapeseed :—

We have no change to report in this market. Business is almost at a stand still. We quote :—

Brown Cawnpore... ...	Rs.	9	0	0
Yellow Guzerat	„	10	0	0

Gingellyseed :—

The market is steadier, but there is very little doing. Quotations are :—

Bold White 95 p. c.	Rs.	50	0	0	Dec.-Jan.
„ „ 75 p. c.	„	49	0	0	„
Black Kutni	„	44	0	0	„

Poppyseed :—

The market is firm. We quote Ready.

	Rs.	10	8	0

Castorseed :—

	Rs.	33	0	0

Tone—quiet but steady.

Cottonseed :—

	Rs.	20	0	0

Tone—quiet.

Mowraseed :—

	Rs.	5	0	0

Tone—dull.

Wheat :—

White Delhi	Rs.	5	3	0	Aug.-Sept.
New White Delhi ...	„	5	1	0	April-May
White Pesst 85 p. c....	„	4	15	0	Aug.-Sept
„ Karachi	„	4	12	0	„

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—

Bombay	...	1,395
India	...	84

Mills :—

David	...	420
Howard and Bullough ...	...	250
Manockji Petit	...	3,400

Presses :—

Breul's Cawnpore	...	200
Hingoli	...	125
Khangaum	...	390

Miscellaneous :—

Bombay Steam Nav. Preference ...		230
Colaba Land and Mill		1,140
Delhi Flour Mill		170
Treacher and Co.		562 1/3

Railways :—

Tapti Valley		460

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Cotton	2,378	bales.
Wheat	364	cwts.
Linseed	1,120	„
Rapeseed...	4,600	„
Gingellyseed	190	„
Poppyseed	1,125	„
Groundnuts	35	„
Castorseed	4,114	„
Rice	833	„
Myrabollams	nil.	
Cottonseed	751	„
Mowraseed	9,090	„
Gram	952	„
Joowar	14	„
Maize	nil.	

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 17th Aug., 1907, as compared with the statement of 10th Aug. 1907 :—

LIABILITIES.	Aug. 10. Rs.	Aug. 17. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	96,00,000	96,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office ...	80,42,716	61,02,450
Public Deposits at Branches ...	51,13,611	45,27,826
Other Deposits	5,49, 1,363	5,68,91,413
Post Bills	17,65·	18,523
Sundries	13,85,365	18,78,930
	Rs.. 11,96,33,831	11,90,39,332
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,55,28,869	1,43,23,893
Other authorised Securities ...	22,18,753	20, 8,613
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	1,59,90,035	1,37,99,117
Loans do. do.	3,34,63,102	3,33,16,676
Bills discounted and purchased ...	2,09,72,053	2,24,16,906
Dead Stock	3,25,977	3,26,471
Stamps	3,739	3,579
Bullion	7,96,540	6,01,897
Balances with other Banks	1,69,270	1,79,624
Sundries	1,74,061	1,41,683
Cash	3,93,78,395	4,38,79,172
	11,96,30,831	11,90,39,332

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
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Via Turkey Interrupted.	Via Turkey Interrupted.	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Cadiz Tenerife Perfect.
Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	....	Via Bhamo Perfect.	Via Lisbon St Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 19th August 1907.

Difference in longitude allowed for.

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	..	...	....	..	...
Teheran	19	12	10 p m	1	57
Suez.....	19	2	30 p m	...	26

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p. m., 19th Aug. 1907.

	Latest Date.	Maximum Time. Hrs.	Mts.	Minimum Time. Hrs.	Mts.
From Calcutta....	19th Aug. 1907.	1	2	0	1
„ Karachee ..	Ditto	0	12	0	4
„ Madras	Ditto	0	30	0	8

NOTICES.

The Anglo-American Company notify that service gunboats between Trinidad and Amacura for telegrams destined for Venezuela have again been suspended. (27-6-06).

During the strike of Telegraph operators telegrams for all places in United States, America, except New York city and Boston are subject to delay, and can only be forwarded at sender's risk. (14-8-07).

Moulmein route to Siam via Kanburi restored. (19-8-07).

Turkish route interrupted beyond Bassora. (19-8-07).

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, Aug. 20.

There will be drill for Recruits at the Town Hall this evening, the 20th instant, from 6 p. m.
Dress—Plain Clothes.

H. S. SYMONS, Lieut.,
Offg. Comdg. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Aug. 20.

289 PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes of the Corps will take place at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 17th September at 9-30 p.m, to be followed by a Dance.

Dress—Members attending must be in uniform (e.g.) Mess Dress or Khaki.

Invitations.—Each member of the Corps is entitled to two free tickets in addition to his own extra tickets to be paid for at the rate of Re 1 each to be remitted with applications for tickets to the Head-Quarters office.

No application for Tickets will be considered after the 31st instant.

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R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt. B. V. A

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP, COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, Aug. 20.

169—Detail for the week ending Saturday, the 24th instant :—To-day, Tuesday the 20th.—" M " Coy, Parade on Company parade ground at 3-15 p. m.

II.—" I " Coy, Parade at 4.15 p m on company parade ground.

III.—" L " Coy. Parade at 4-45 p m on company parade ground.

IV—Practice for Buglers near Skating Rink at 5-30 p m,

Wednesday the 21st—" H " Coy. Parade at 5.30 p m on company parade ground.

Thursday the 22nd—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 a m.

II.—" I " Coy. Parade at 7-45 a m on company parade ground.

III—" I " Coy Parade at 4-15 pm on company parade ground.

IV—" M " Coy. Parade at 3-15 p. m. on company parade ground.

Friday, the 23rd—" K " Coy John Connon School Parade at 5-30 p m on company parade ground

Saturday the 24th—" H " Coy Parade at 7-30 a.m. on company parade ground.

Subject for all companies during the week, Pages 115 to 126 Training Manuals appendix 1903.

170 Rifle Matches—The conditions of the Viceroy's competition for 1907-08 have been received, and can be seen at Head-Quarters.

The following extracts are published for information :—

The competition is open to Volunteers of all ranks Entrance fee Rs 4 to be paid to the Adjutant by the 15th September 1907. No post entries allowed. The First Stage i. e, 2 @ 500 and 600 Yards aggregate to be fired between the 1st and 31st October 1907. The total amount of prizes to be competed for in 3 stages is Rs. 5,510.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt. B. V. R.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 22nd June last amounted to Rs. 3,112, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 1,163. The total earnings from 1st January to 30th June last were Rs. 62,396, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 10,861

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the week ending 22nd June las amounted to 1 s. 6,440, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 722. The total earnings from 1st January to 30th June last were Rs. 1,44,906, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 16,950.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

DALGETTY—August 13, at Hatrie View, Dalhousie, the wife of the Rev. William Dalgetty, Church of Scot'and Mission, of a son.

DEATH.

BARNES—August 14, on the Nellampattie, suddenly, A. Barnes, of Karapara Estate.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 21m. Sun sets, 7h. 4m. High water, 8·52m., 8·31a. Low water, 1·49m , 3·0a.

Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills, 7 Marine Street, 3-30 and 4 p.m.

Bombay Improvement Trust, 4 p. m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Aug. 23rd, Full Moon, 5h. 45·1 p.m. ; Aug. 30th Last Quarter, 10h. 57·9m. p.m.; Aug. 22nd, 0·3h. a.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Wednesday, August 21.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Gymkhana Mud Sports, 5-30p.m. Harwood Association Football League, Cooperage, 5-15 p.m. Royal Scots "A" Team vs. Customs. Sun rises, 6h. 21m. Sun sets, 7h. 3m. High water, 9-48m., 9·36a. Low water, 2-50m., 3·51a.

Thursday, August 22.—Cricket, Hindu-Parsi match. Sun rises, 6h. 21m.; Sun sets, 7h. 2m ; High water, 10-36m., 10·33a ; Low water, 3-48m., 4·42a.

Friday, August 23.— Bank holiday. Cricket : Parsees vs. Hindus, and Bombay Gymkhana vs. P. W. D. Sun rises, 6h. 21m. ; Sun sets, 7h. 1m. ; High water, 11-20m., 11·34a. Low water, 4·32m., 5·26a.

Saturday, August 24.—Cricket matches : Bombay Gymkhana A. and B. Teams vs. Elphinstone College Past Students and B. B. and C. I. Railway respectively ; also Hindu-Parsi match. Wilson College : Lecture on the Cell as the basis of life in plant, 6-30 p. m. Bombay Rugby Football Tournament. Sun rises 6h. 22m.; Sun sets, 7h. 1m.; High water, 0-1a. Low water, 15-18m.; 6·7a.

Sunday, August 25.—13th Sunday after Trinity. Sun rises, 6h. 22m.; Sun sets, 7h. 0m ; High water 0-11m , 0·40a. ; Low water, 6·2m., 6·46a.

Monday, August 26.—Bombay Rugby Football Tournament. Sun rises, 6h. 22m.; Sun sets, 6·59m.; High water, 0·56m.; 1·18a.; Low water, 6·45m. 7·24a.

MANOCKJEE NUSSERWANJEE PETIT'S CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the last month was 4,804, the daily average being 154. The total of new patients was 583.

ROUGH SEA.—During the heavy squall of yesterday, a Bunder boat No. 4,249 got swamped and sank near Cross Island. The crew of six persons swam safely to the steamship Rydal Hall. The boat belonged to one Raoji Ganesh and was valued at Rs. 1,200.

"JOWLI" FIRE.- Late last night a fire broke out in a "jowli" hut belonging to one Vithabai and situated at Parel. Shortly after, two other adjacent huts also caught fire, and before any assistance could be rendered, the three huts were ablaze. The Chinchpogli fire engine was soon on the scene, and the flames were completely quenched in about an hour. The cause of the fire was said to be due to one of the occupants leaving a lighted fire near the wall of one of the huts. The damage caused by the fire is estimated at Rs. 609.

A HORRID DISCOVERY.—Koonja Neypa, a Municipal sweeper, found a headless skeleton lying on the open piece of ground near the Bodyguard Lines at Chowapati yesterday, and at once communicated with the police. The police while making enquiries found small pieces of flesh and bones near the skeleton. At the foot of the Hill was found the skull of the skeleton. The skeleton was removed to the Morgue where the Coroner's jury returned an open verdict at the close of the inquest.

UNHEEDED ADVICE.—A Hindu woman named Dalobai, (45), residing at Nalgaum Cross Road, was bitten on one of her legs by a dog a few days ago. She was treated at the J. J. Hospital and allowed to go home. The police killed the dog and had it sent to the Veterinary College for examination, where they declared it to have been rabid. The Dhanpoon Dalobai was advised to go to Kasauli for treatment. But she refused to go. However, she underwent treatment for hydrophobia at the Municipal Dispensary, but she eventually succumbed.

POLICE NOTICE.—Twenty one brass and copper vessels, one gent's umbrella, one gold nose ornament set with pearls etc., two copper vessels, 1 plate and 1 cup, one iron key and eight annas, one woolen shawl, nine bentwood chairs, one cake soap, shaving stick and shaving brush, one pair rolled gold spectacles in case, twelve articles wearing apparel, one ladies' umbrella, one waterpoof coat (gent's), one silver anklet, one Peacock, one brass drinking cup, six dozen nickle plated buckles, and one gent's umbrella have been taken charge of by the Police and await owners.

MINOR MOTOR COLLISIONS.—Seeing a number of labour carts in front of his vehicle, a native coachman to Mr. Pestonji Sorabji Master, who was then being driven in his phaeton along Girgaum Road yesterday, tried to pass them on the right towards Girgaum. Meanwhile motor car No. 201, driven by one Fakiruddin Mahomed Kasim came from behind the phaeton and thus formed a third line of traffic. The motor car, in attempting to pass the phaeton, dashed into back victoria No. 565 which was coming from the opposite direction, breaking the right shaft of the victoria. The car then ran into the horse attached to Mr. Pestonji's phaeton, giving it a wound on one of its legs. Through these small collisions, the mud guard of the motor car was also damaged. It is said that the motor car was being driven very fast on the wrong side of the road.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA'S BIRTHDAY.

Flags were flying at all the Consular offices in Bombay on Sunday, in honour of the seventy-seventh birthday of the Emperor Franz Josef of Austria. From eleven o'clock in the morning until mid-day, Mr. A. Platt, the acting Consul of Austria-Hungary, received visitors at Khatau Mansion. Herr Hoffman, the German Consul, Mr. S. Tchirkine of Russia, M. Martin of France, and Emin Bey of Turkey paid their respects, other callers including several high officials of the Bombay Government.

PENALISING VOLUNTEERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—It is regarded as a matter of primary importance by all who have anything to do with soldiering, that a a high standard of efficiency in the use of the Rifle or Carbine is necessary, and the most modern adjunct to attain this end is the Sub-Targ t Aiming Machine which admits of practice in any place where it is installed and enables the instructor to make a man a good shot without going to a Rifle Range and actually firing service ammunition. Forming part of this Machine is a service rifle with sights as on a Service Rifle, and this weapon is not allowed to be imported into India unless for a Regiment or Volunteer Corps, who have to give a certificate to Government that it will be borne on their Registers and form part of their equipment.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST POLICEMEN.

Mysterious Abduction of a Woman.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon Mr. Justice Knight presiding in the High Court, Appellate Side, have disposed of an appeal preferred by Ganu Jayram and two others who were, in March last, convicted by Mr. S. J. Murphy, Additional Sessions Judge of Satara, of wrongful confinement and extortion, and were sentenced each to six months' rigorous imprisonment. Mr. K. H. Kelkar appeared for accused No. 1 and Mr. R. W. Desai, for Nos. 2 and 3, while Mr. M. B. Chaubal appeared for the Crown.

The first accused was the police patel of Hatnor, a village in the Tasgaon taluka, and the other two accused were police constables who, at the time of the events which gave rise to the present case, were attached to the police post at Palus in which police circle Hatnor is included. The case against the accused was that they hushed up a criminal complaint which was lodged by one Sakharam Mallu Parit after confining three accused in the village "chaudi" for three days, in consideration of a bribe of Rs. 35 which was paid to them. The occurrences took place from the 2nd to the 4th September, 1905.

The original case concerned the wife of one Dnyanu Parit, Aku by name. Aku apparently did not get on well with her husband, and she either ran away with three youths in the village, by name Bandu, Vithu, and Yesbu, or got these men to help her to get away. Aku was taken to the house of one Vitha Narali, and then to that of another woman named Sundra, and finally got away to her mother's people at Sangli. She was not forthcoming at the date of the trial, and her movements were more or less shrouded in mystery. The disappearance occurred about the time of Nagpanchmi in 1905 ; and the father of Dnyanu at once went and complained of the matter to the Patel, accused No. 1. The latter seemed to have made some inquiry, and the other two accused came to the village in the ordinary course of their rounds, about the 1st September. They joined in the inquiry, and sent for the three men (then accused) who did not bar a good moral character in the village. They were kept in the "chandi" for two days. On the morning of the third day, they were marched off for Tasgaon. When near Tasgaon, the whole party sat down in a field ; there was a talk about hushing up the matter, and it ended with the payment of Rs. 35 to the constables and Patel. After the payment, the party went on to Tasgaon ; and next morning, the then accused were told to go home, and the case was considered to be at an end. The father-in-law of Aku was not, however, satisfied. He moved in the matter and made a complaint ; but Aku had meanwhile disappeared. Then followed an enquiry by the Mamlatdar, and two subsequent ones by the police ; and then the present case. Mr. Murphy found the accused guilty. He thought there was no reason for discriminating between the three accused. They were all Government servants; the combined action of the three was essential; and they all helped; while the complainant actually testified as to a wrangle between them as to the division of the spoil. They were convicted and sentenced each to six months' r

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FAMOUS FORGERIES—POLITICAL AND LITERARY.

LITERATURE is not expected to give employment to criminals, and literary men are seldom suspected of committing penal offences in connection with their profession. But though the literary men of to-day may conform to a high level of honesty in the bulk, there are occasional black sheep who, from motives of gain or pique, stoop to the most disingenuous frauds and not seldom deceive the world of scholars with the most ingenious forgeries. A number of great literary hoaxes were perpetrated in the 19th century, and the further we go back the more frequent is the crime. But the page of history no less than the page of literature is stained by gigantic frauds which sometimes have misled whole generations. For instance, many documents were forged in the Middle Ages to prove that Scotland was a dependency of the English Crown. Such may be found amongst the *Fœdera* written in the Latin tongue. It is possible that some of the Casket Letters by which, in the eyes of the believers in their authenticity, Queen Mary of Scots is irrevocably damned, are forgeries. This is all the more likely, as forgery was common at the time and an English official in Scotland suggested to his Government that incriminating letters of Mary should be forged and circulated. In the seventeenth century a notable though not baneful political forgery was executed. This was the *Eikon Basilike* or King's Book which, appearing shortly after the execution of Charles I as his work, contributed greatly to that reaction in his favour which culminated a few years later in the Restoration of the Monarchy. The real author was an Essex clergyman named Gauden, but it was not until after the Restoration of 1660 that he laid claim to the authorship, when the *Eikon* had done its intended work of causing a reaction in the late King's favour. Perhaps ecclesiastical forgeries have had a still more startling influence on the course of European history than political forgeries proper. The supremacy of the Papacy in the Middle Ages was largely accepted and assisted by Christendom because the world believed in the authenticity of the famous Donation of Constantine, which conferred on the successors of St. Peter at Rome the lordship of the Western world, and the express possession of all islands. It was in virtue of the "Donation" that Ireland was graciously conferred on Henry II of England by a twelth century Pope! But all other ecclesiastical forgeries pale before that of the "False Decretals," a series of Papal ordinances and letters which profoundly affected the world between the ninth and the fifteenth century, when their fictitious character was finally established. On them were founded exalted claims for the Church as a whole, and for Pepes and Bishops in particular, which were successfully imposed by the forger on the Christian world for many centuries. A credulous world accepted them as semi-divine, and the Papal party utilised them to establish a pure Theocracy in Europe, involving the Papal power of dethroning Kings and Emperors and the supremacy of the Church or Canon Law over all civil laws or institutions. Accordingly, the Forged Decretals might, with reason, be dubbed the greatest triumph of the forger's art.

The name of literary forgeries is Legion. The curious student will find accounts of them in little read works such as Isaac Disraeli's *Curiosities of Literature*, but the general reader may well be content with recent books of considerable excellence—*Literary Forgeries* by J. A. Farrer, with an Introduction by Andrew Lang, whose critical acumen is proverbially great. In this work we read of forgeries ancient and modern, English and Continental. We wish in this place to create a little interest in the chief literary hoaxes of Great Britain. It is only a hundred years since the forged play "Vortigern and Rowena" was for a season accepted by the world as the genuine production of William Shakespeare. This notorious play was sold to Sheridan of the Drury Lane by a bookseller named Ireland, and was really the composition of Ireland's son, then a youth of less than eighteen. The play was the culmination of a long series of forgeries which young Ireland had perpetrated—legal documents with autographs of Shakespeare, some letters from the poet to Anne Hathaway and a much admired "Profession of Faith" ostensibly from the same hand. The latter, although it concluded with the absurd sentence "O cherish us like the sweet chicken that under the cover of her spreading wings receives her little brood, and hovering over them keeps them harmless and in safety," was accepted as genuine by several of the most notable scholars of the time. The credit of exploding the belief in these Shakespeare "finds" belongs to the great critic Malone, who had seen the play some months before it was acted and immediately wrote a book proving it to be a forgery. Meanwhile another play, "Henry II," had been written by the daring youth, and it was to be followed by a series of historical dramas covering all the reigns between William I and Elizabeth, all of which were to be attributed to Shakespeare! To what confusion might not all this have led but for Malone, and to what disquieting reflections does it not give rise touching the comparative facility of forgery? As Mr. Farrer in his book well says: "The story of the Ireland forgeries raises several reflections. For here were documents fabricated by a mere boy, of no special education or learning, and, instead of being in any way concealed, exposed most openly to publicity and criticism; yet in an age of learning they deceived many of the very elect of the learned world. What then may not have been possible in the line of forgery in the times when a forger had no publicity, no scrutiny, no printed version of his fabrications to reckon with? The possibilities were simply limitless, and almost justify the scepticism of Hardouin, the Jesuit, who held that most of the Greek and Latin classics were the works of the monks of the Middle Ages."

An extraordinary attempt, very nearly successful, to discredit Milton by proving him to be a wholesale plagiarist, was made by a Scottish schoolmaster, William Lauder, in the 18th century. Lauder was animated by such bitter resentment against the puritan poet that he interpolated in rare mediæval books Latin translations he had made of passages culled from the Paradise Lost, and gave these passages to the world as the source of Milton's poetry. But after Lauder had successfully gulled the generality of scholars, and Milton was admitted to be a wholesale copier, a certain future bishop, named Douglas, happened to get hold of one of the works thus tampered with—a rare Latin poem by the Jesuit Massenius—and forthwith exposed the criminal interpolations of Lauder, with the result that Milton was amply vindicated. A more interesting case, because much nearer our own time, is the group of letters attributed to Byron and Shelley. In the summer of 1848, about a quarter of a century after the death of the two immortal poets, a young lady called on a certain London bookseller, named White, and offered him two autograph letters of Lord Byron, which she alleged her elder sister wished to sell to meet a temporary pecuniary embarrassment. The sisters were said to be the daughters of a deceased doctor who had attended the deathbed of Fletcher, Byron's valet, and received from Fletcher some precious Byron relics. The story seemed so plausible that White bought the letters which were rapidly followed up by others, as also some purporting to be Shelley's. The Byron letters, 47 in number, were shortly sold by White to Murray, Byron's own publisher, who knew the the poet's handwriting well, and the Shelley letters were bought by Moxon, Shelley's publisher, The two sets realised £238. The evidence, both internal and external, was in favour of their genuineness. The style, ideas, handwriting, postmarks, seals and signatures seemed to be above suspicion, and English Literature seemed about to be permanently enriched, the Shelley letters being actually published in 1852 with an Introduction by Browning. But by a pure chance Palgrave happened to see a copy of the book and to recognise a passage which he remembered as occurring in an article written by his father for the *Quarterly Review* some years before. Detection thus came speedily, and when once the trail was started further plagiarisms were discovered and the game was up. It turned out that the lady who deceived White was the wife of George Gordon Byron, a Spanish natural son of the poet Byron, and a man steeped in Byron lore. He had been long collecting material for a monumental "Life" of his father, in which an immense amount of forged matter would have been included, sufficient to falsify the biography of Byron to the end of time. There is no doubt that he was the ingenious forger of the letters whose discovery had been so unexpected. Those who are interested in literary forgeries will find also in Farrer an account of the chief continental forgeries, most daring of which was the fabrication of 27,320 letters purporting to have been written by all the great men of History, but after some time discovered to be the work of a Frenchman, Lucas. This villain flourished only sixty years ago and palmed off his productions on the most eminent scholars for £6,000. Patriotism was at the bottom of some, for he forged a letter to prove that Pascal and not Newton discovered the Laws of Gravitation! But he became too bold, and suffered imprisonment for his sins.

VAGARIES OF NEWSPAPER ILLUSTRATION. There are few developments of modern journalism which have excited greater interest and provoked more humour than the newspaper picture. We are forcibly reminded of this by the publication in the *Daily Telegraph* of a portrait of the late David Christie Murray which was certainly never evolved from a negative of the physiognomy of that clever but ill-starred story-teller. None probably were more surprised than the members of the staff of the *Daily Telegraph* themselves when they saw the picture of the author of *Joseph's Coat* in the paper on the morning of August 2nd last. People interested in smart journalism—and who is not?—but who are not acquainted with the ins and outs of the profession, will naturally wonder how a paper so renowned for thoroughness as the *Daily Telegraph* came to issue the picture of a delicate-looking man, bearded like the pard, as a representation of the features of the broad Saxon-faced David Christie Murray, on whose cheek and chin the suspicion of a hair was never observed. Yet the cause of such an error is by no means hard to understand, and it was one of those occurrences for which nobody can be blamed. The news of David Christie Murray's death was received at the offices of the newspapers in Fleet Street late on the evening of the 1st ultimo, too late even for the "late" editions of the evening papers. Immediately on its receipt the obituary department of the *Daily Telegraph* sent across to the newspaper photo-agents for a photograph of the dead author. This was where the error occurred. The assistant took a photograph from the Murray pigeon-hole, but it was obviously one which had dropped in by mistake. The assistant apparently did not notice that it was not a photograph of the dead author, and the *Daily Telegraph* man took it along to the engraver, who probably would not know David Christie Murray from Adam, and by the time the block was handed into the *Daily Telegraph* office it was nearly midnight. The unfortunate block was hurriedly "imposed" into the place in the page left vacant for it, and the page swung on to the machine, and in a minute or so the machine was throwing out the papers much faster than the smartest bank clerk could count them. And London, which knew David Christie Murray pretty well, woke up the next morning to enjoy a hearty but good-natured laugh at the way the *Telegraph* had been "sold." But the marvel is that more of such occurrences do not happen. It is probably the first time in the history of Lord Burnham's splendid paper that a wrong picture has appeared. Yet there is hardly a sixpenny illustrated weekly paper published in London which, on a challenge, we could not convict of this kind of error. In how many papers the Countess de Grey, the wife of the heir of Lord Ripon, has done duty for the Countess Grey, the wife of the Governor-General of Canada, we do not know, but we remember at least half a dozen occasions. General Sir Bruce Hamilton has frequently appeared for General Sir Ian Hamilton; the reigning Countess of Wilton has had the pleasure of seeing herself sometimes as the Dowager Countess of Wilton, or as Elizabeth Countess of Wilton, or as Laura Countess of Wilton, all of whom are alive and well. These unfortunate mistakes, which create no end of merriment at the expense of the papers which are victimised, are the result of the ignorance of the photographic agents who supply the papers with pictures of celebrities. Such errors never occurred in the days of the wood-engravers, nor of the line artists who succeeded them, as the artists of the Press become so familiar with the features of the celebrities of the time that they know at once when they are supplied with a correct or incorrect portrait.

PLAGUE RESEARCH. THE progress of plague research is of such intense interest to all in Bombay that frequent reference to it calls for no apology. The report has just been issued of the work done during the last nine months of last year at the Bombay Bacteriological Laboratory which is better known under its old name of Plague Research Laboratory. On January 10, 1897, Professor Haffkine had the first inoculation performed on himself, and since that date the laboratory has issued 6,321,578 doses of prophylactic vaccine. Of these, 5,754,044 doses have been issued to medical men in India and 567,534 to places outside India, but, unfortunately, there is no means of knowing how many of these have been actually used. A noticeable feature of the period under review was the decrease in the demand for the vaccine. Colonel Bannermann accounts for it by suggesting that it may be an unlooked-for result of the appointment of the Plague Research Commission. It is natural, he says, that people should try to put off the inevitable, when it takes the disagreeable form of hypodermic medication, and to accept any excuse that will serve this purpose. Very great interest has been taken in the researches of this Commission and people have been inclined to neglect inoculation in the hope that some more agreeable method of protection from plague might be discovered. Those hopes, however, seemed doomed to failure. There has been no weakening in the advocacy of inoculation as the best safeguard, and unless some startling discovery be made, there can be little chance of its losing its scientific popularity. The report under review contains some interesting comments and figures from officials who have been working to combat plague in different parts of the Presidency. From these it is evident that the prophylactic does carry with it the highest preventive powers. From Kirkee come some convincing figures. Plague was raging in Poona and, on September 5, the first case occurred in the Kirkee Bazaar. Next day the followers were ordered up to be inoculated. Of 1,312 men women and children, only twelve were not performed upon. In judging of the result, two individuals, who had contracted the disease before the systematic inoculation was performed, are exoluded. Out of the thirteen hundred inoculated, five were attacked and one died, which gives a percentage incidence of 0·38 and a percentage of case mortality of 20. Of the remaining ten, four were attacked and three died, giving a percentage incidence of 0·40 and percentage of case mortality of 75. From Karachi it is reported that out of 1,245 persons inoculated, 22 were attacked and four died, the percentage case mortality being 18·18 as compared with 62·50 amongst the 60 uninoculated, there being 8 cases and 5 deaths. If, points out the report, the 1,245 had suffered to the same extent as the 60 uninoculated, they would have had 166 attacks and 104 deaths instead of the 22 and 4, a difference of 87 and 96 per cent. respectively. Such figures cannot be ignored and now that the Commission has set its seal of approval upon inoculation, it is to be hoped that less dilatoriness in submitting to the operation will be observed.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. *Oriental*, with the outward mails of the 9th instant, left Aden at 2 p.m. on Sunday and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 9 a.m. on Friday next.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S.S. *Istok* left Hongkong for Bombay on the morning of the 18th instant.

CHAPTERS VIII and IX of our new Serial Story, "The Wooing of Lilac," by T. W. Hanshew, will be found on page 6 of to-day's issue.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for the week ending 27th July 1907, shows an increase over the corresponding week of 1906 of 223,310 mds. and Rs. 34,582 in the earnings.

SOME Hajis, who have arrived in India from Central Asia, report that the Russians have set up a telegraph wire from Pattarkesar, on the Oxus, south of Samarkand, to Kalab, on the Badakshan border

IN our report of Colonel Bannermann's lecture on plague, we made reference to "Dr. Lisden" and Professor Lisdeu. It should, of course, have read Captain Liston who was the discoverer of the rat-flea origin of plague in human beings.

THE Almora correspondent of the *Indian Daily Telegraph* writes that a tiger has been seen as far up in the hills as Binsur, where a buffalo was killed and a woman knocked over causing her to break her arm. The tiger was seen by the servants of Colonel Molesworth, the owner of the Binsur Fruit Farm, just below the compound.

Country Life publishes a picture which is unique, and shows a cloud bursting during a storm. This photograph was secured by a remarkable accident. The photographer, Mr. Leadbeater, was photographing the lightning flashes, and he found that in photographing one flash a cloud had burst between the flash and the camera, and he had unconsciously taken it. This is the only occasion on which a cloud-burst has been photographed.

It was reported on the 25th July to the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science that after explorations carried on for forty years on Dartmoor by the Society, comprising 500 members, the most important discovery yet effected was made by a convict last October. This man, working with a gang on a bog at Princetown, turned up a bronze sword-blade in excellent preservation, 14ins. long and weighing 7ozs. Its appearance and surroundings show that it belongs to the Bronze Age, when the inhabitants of Dartmoor lived in hut circles at the dawn of civilisation.

THE Report of the Superintendent of the Archæological Survey of Burma records an interesting discovery of terra cotta reliefs with Pali inscriptions dating back to the 11th century A. D., at the Petleike Pagoda Pagars. These reliefs illustrate scenes in the life of Buddha, and, unlike most others of a similar kind, are vigorously modelled and almost as clear and sharp as the day they left the kiln, about the time England was being conquered by the Normans. Each terra cotta bears a number corresponding to the number of the story depicted in the Jataka book, and the whole forms an authentic record of the orthodox Buddhist iconography of the 11th century, besides being specimens of an art which is described as of no mean order.

A WITNESS declared during the hearing of a petition for judicial separation at the Kimberley (South Africa) High Court that he had seen the petitioner and her husband kiss as often as 500 times every day for a week.

TENDERS were recently invited for the erection of a small building for the Admiralty at Portland, the cost not to exceed £30. Shortly before the tenders were opened, orders were received that the work was not to be proceeded with, owing to the fact that "My lords" had no money to spare.

THE Duke of Devonshire and others who represent the founders of Eastbourne College have offered to surrender any pecuniary interest they have in it, so that it may get a charter, and be put on the same foundation as Eton, Harrow, and any of the bigger public schools.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

THE TURF.

Relay Racing.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, AUGUST 2.

The actions of the Liverpool police, in regard to bookmakers, are delightfully varied. For instance, about a year ago they raided the offices of one of England's best known Turf Accountants and being convicted of carrying on a betting business, he was forced to migrate to the Continent. Thus a number of clerks and other employees were driven out of the district and their earnings now benefit foreigners, while sportsmen spend a little more in postage and telegrams when betting, which, of cause, is not stopped in the slightest degree. The second illustration is quite of a different character and shows the police protecting the backer against the dishonest layer of the odds. Several Welshers were arrested at the recent Liverpool races and charged with frequenting with intent to commit a felony, and many of them are now in gaol in consequence of their failure to meet their liabilities. This is good, and such police action would be welcome throughout the country.

JOCKEYSHIP.

It will be remembered that the Jockey Club Stewards decided to take strong action against any Jockeys who showed inability to control their mounts at the post. An example was made at Goodwood and of such a celebrated rider as Johnnie Reiff. The little American, who is now a benedict, had the mount on the French filly Sourdine (top weight) which broke through the webbing of the starting gate. Reiff was called before the Stewards and charged with disobedience at the post and attempting to forestall the start, with the result that he was fined £10 and suspended for the balance of the meeting.

THE NEWBURY CUP.

A record crowd witnessed the decision of the Newbury Summer Cup which produced a record race. Mr. Buchanan took down a large number of friends to see Noctuiform win, but the display of the Colonial horse was again disappointing and it looks as though it is useless to entertain any more hopes of his scoring. The Duke of Devonshire's Fugleman was a sound second favourite and after one of the finest struggles seen for a long time, managed to catch Manston on the post and make a dead heat of it. Higgs rode Fugleman and Madden was up on Mr. Singer's gelding, both riding splendidly.

GLORIOUS GOODWOOD.

Strangers to Goodwood are always greatly impressed by the beautiful surroundings and the fact that the course is a private one, it being situated on the estate of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, who has been the King's host during the meeting. We had a thrilling finish for the Stewards Cup, fifteen sprinters competing, with the honours going to Mr. T. Corri's Romney, 6st. 3lbs., which only beat Reckless, 9st., by a head, with Bilidiere, 7st 4lbs, third. All the horses placed are three year olds and the success of Romney greatly pleased Alfred Day, who had not previously trained the winner of the race. Good things have been said of Royal Dream for some time and Mr. J. B. Joel's colt "arrived" all right on Wednesday, carrying 8st. 11b. to victory in the Goodwood Plate, Plum Tree, 9st, running up. Woolwinder's easy journey in the Sussex Stakes will naturally cause the colt to become even a greater fancy for St. Ledger honours, and it is difficult to see a superior among home cracks. The White Knight simply squandered his rivals in the Goodwood Cup and proved up to the hilt that he is the best of present day racers in England His joint owners—Col. Kirkiwood and Mr. W. R. Wyndham—looked very pleased indeed, as well they might.

The victory of Vamose in the Prince of Wales's Stakes is worthy of mention, the colt being a full brother of Flying Fox. The stable connection had no idea the colt was so good and his future engagements will attract a lot of attention. Velocity proved his class to-day by annexing the Chesterfield Cup, in spite of a burden of 9st. 10lbs. Another flier, in Galvani, gained winning brackets and carried Major Loder's colour to the fore in the Gordon Stakes.

CRICKET.

Two successive defeats have somewhat spoilt the record of Middlesex in the County Championship competition, and Notts alone now enjoys an unbeaten record. The Lacemen's victory over Middlesex at Lords was well earned, and how exciting the finish was may be judged by the fact that the margin in favour of Notts was only 13 runs. The chief honours of the game belong to Hallam, who in the second innings took 8 Middlesex wickets for 67 runs. Hants conquered Middlesex in the next engagement of the Metropolitan team, A. J. L. Hill's innings of 116 and the bowling of Badcock, 6 for 33, being chiefly responsible.

THE TEST MATCH.

The second Test Match at Leeds was a remarkable game and though England's second innings only lasted just over two hours and a half, yet it was commenced on Monday and only concluded on Wednesday. The conditions throughout were very depressing and more like April, rain with occasional glimpses of sunshine being the order. It was the same for both sides, however, the rivals batting under the same difficulties. The outstanding features of the match were the bowling of G. A. Faulkner and Blythe and the confident batting of C. B. Fry. The first named showed a taste of his quality against Hampshire, but excelled himself at Leeds, when taking 6 good English wickets at the start of the game for 17 runs Matters looked black indeed for the home side at this stage but Blythe came to the rescue and bowled to such purposes (8 for 59) that the visitors only led by 34 runs at the half-way mark. It was a singularly even struggle up to the fall of the eighth wicket (each side making 83 for this number) but Shalders and Vogler put on some useful runs. England's second innings' total of 162 was chiefly due to C. B. Fry, his score of 54 being the highest of the match and a splendid performance under such conditions. The task of getting 129 runs to win was a pretty severe one for the visitors, still as they had surpassed the home side's first innings' total, many thought they might succeed. Early on, however, England gained a big advantage, five wickets going down for 18 runs. Faulkner, Snook and Sinclair struggled hard after this and it took 2 hours 10 minutes to get the Colonials all out, though the score only reached 75.

NOTES ON THE MATCH.

It is only fair to state that the visitors were probably more upset than the home side by the depressing conditions.

Blythe was the only English bowler who appeared difficult and his 15 wickets for 99 runs ranks with the best of bowling feats in Tests.

C. B. Fry now appears to bat with great confidence in Test Matches, which is directly opposite to his earlier displays against the Australians.

Hayward has been stumped by Sherwell in each Test-Match innings he has played.

The fielding of the Englishmen was not very brilliant (with a few exceptions) and one missed an artist, such as A. O. Jones.

Though Notts is unbeaten in the County Championship and Hallam and Wass stand high in the bowling table, the county was unrepresented in the match.

The interest in the game was not great and the total gate receipts only reached £1,256.

Braund, who scored a century at Lords, could only manage to contribute one run at Leeds.

Sinclair scored a dozen runs off one over from Blythe.

Only one of the South Africans—Hathorn—was bowled during the match and he was bowled off his pads.

The second innings of England was broken up into eight sections owing to the rain.

SOUTH AFRICANS V. LANCASHIRE.

Though Schwarz failed to come off at Leeds, he showed Northerners of what he was capable in the match against Lancs. at Manchester. Only R. H. Spooner (57) and the Everton footballer Sharp (52) faced his artful overs with confidence, and he took 6 wickets for 45 runs. On the South Africans going in they found Kerwoode—another Colonial—most difficult to play, still Sherwell's (69) and Nourse's (71) enabled the visitors to finish up the opening day with a distinct advantage and head the home sides score for the loss of only four wickets. To-day the visitors were in rare aggressive moved and when the tenth wicket fell, the total was 432, Faulkner carrying his bat for 106, while A. C. Vogler contributed 69.

GOOD PLAY.

Hirst took 8 wickets for 25 runs and performed the "hat trick" in the first innings of Leicestershire v. Yorkshire. Baker of Surrey played a splendid innings of 141 against Essex yesterday. The Foster brothers treated the bowling of Kent with scant ceremony at Worcester on Thursday. "R.E." made 174 and "H.R." retired with 123 to his credit while "G.N." obliged with 76. E.S. Littlejohn (91) Tarrant (89) and Murrell (89) were chief scorers in the first innings of Middlesex v. Gloucestershire yesterday. Dennett took 15 wickets for 97 runs in the recent Gloucestershire v. Northamptonshire match. Hayward's not out innings of 85 probably saved Surrey from defeat by Hampshire. C.B. Fry proved himself in form to-day and against Derbyshire played a three figure inning of 187.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

Another reminder of the Olympic Festival, to be held in London next year, was furnished on Wednesday. This was when the first stanchions of the stadium to be built at Shepherd's Bush, were placed into position. Lord Desborough, as Chairman of the Olympic Games Committee, presided and told those present something about the coming games. It is good to know that there is reason to expect twenty-four nations to be represented, and as upwards of 80,000 spectators will be able to witness the competitions in comfort, the festival gives promise of being the biggest one on record. We are likely to see some new departures from the usual order of things, and the enterprise of the executive is this respect is pleasing. For instance, it is possible we shall see a display of horsemanship by the picked cavalry from various nations, which would certainly prove a great attraction. A big life saving display (from fire and water) will be another feature, and judging by the present outlook, the British Olympic Games are likely to surpass all previous festivals from the point of view of general attractiveness and management. Naturally, being at home, we ought to take the greatest number of honours, but whether we do so in the strictly track and field athletic events, mainly depends on the enterprise shown by our cracks during the next twelve months.

RELAY RACING.

The manner relay racing has "caught on" since the writer induced the English athletic authorities to take up this form of competition about ten years ago is very satisfactory, and it is now one of the most interesting competitions on our sports programmes. We have considerably varied the conditions from the American method (which is usually four relays of a "quarter" or four of a mile), and there is still room for other variations. The most popular conditions in England appear to be eight relays of a furlong each, or two of a furlong, one of a quarter and one of a mile. Just now the Salford Harriers look to be champions at the latter, a quartette of the red jerseyed athletes having performed the task in 3mins. 37secs. The original relay race was one mile, in four relays, and the best record for this is 3mins. 21 2/5secs. by the New York O. C. team and also the Harwood University A. C. team. No English four has ever approached this, which is a fraction worse than 50 2/5secs. for each relay. Perhaps we could find an All England team—Hallswell, George, and the brothers Charsase of Oxford University—to beat this record, but no club or University team in the country could do so.

SPORTS AT SPA.

The efforts of the English athletes, who competed at the two days festival at Spa early in the week, were well rewarded. It should first be mentioned that the turf was wet and heavy, which affected the times in most of the events. That for the sprint, however, was exceptionally fast, which points to a drop in the ground or a strong wind in the runner's favour. Still Koninga of Belgium must be a good man to beat L. F. Fremeer of the London A. C., even though it was only by inches, and he may not be so very much worse than the time recorded—10 secs. J. E. Deakin of the Herne Hill Harriers ran well in the mile and defeated De Keyser of France by fully 40 yards in 4 mins. 33 secs. and he also scored in the half hour scratch race, running 5 miles 1,047 yards in the time. Another successful Englishman was A. Astley, who won the half mile level race in 2 mins. 2 secs. and he also made one of the Polytechnic team which won the team race. The best performance of all, however, was seen in the pole-vault, which Gonder the French champion won at 12ft. 4½ inches.

CYCLING.

This is a favourite time of the year for long distance road riding, as the nights are short and the days long; so that those who attack records get plenty of daylight. Harry Green tried and failed to improve on present figures over classic routes during the past few days, but D. Ball of the Bath Road Club was more successful. He made an attack on F. T. Bone's Land's End to Hyde Park Corner (London) unpaced record, and gave it a good beating, riding the 304 miles in 20 hours 58 mins. 3secs.

ON THE CONTINENT.

Friol, the World's professional short distance champion, appears to have lost his form of late, judging by what happened at Bordeaux on Sunday. He, Ellegaard of Denmark and Verri of Italy were the cracks engaged in the International scratch race, yet the Frenchman was last of the quartette, the honours going to Ellegaard, who is a wonderful veteran. At the big meeting held at the Buffalo track (Paris) on Sunday, Poulain did something in keeping with his earlier form when winning the scratch race from Broka of Belgium and Heller of Austria. At this same meeting Louis Darragon again showed his ability behind motor pacing by beating Aruni and two other fine stayers in a race of one hour's duration, his distance being 43 miles and a few yards.

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING.

Though foreign, Colonial and American swimmers have beaten some of our cracks in recent years, our long distance men have more than held their own. Success has also attended the efforts of English lady swimmers, and the team of seven, representing the Batterseas Ladies Club, which visited Paris recently, met with a flattering reception. The visitors were greatly outnumbered by the representatives of La belle France, nevertheless they came off with flying colours. The international events consisted of a diving competition and a 200 metres race, both of which were won by Miss Footman, Miss Clist gaining second honours in the swim and Miss Kirchner in the diving, with a French lady third in both. Some idea of the popularity of swimming among French ladies may be judged from the fact of over 100 entries being received for five events. One of these was at 100 metres (109 yards), for the championship of France which Mdlle. Sadoux won in 1 min. 56 secs.

IN GENERAL.

Basil Maclean has probably finished his career on the Rugby field.

It may be news to many to know that Guy Nickalls, who recently had an arm broken through colliding with a motor car when cycling, is a splendid long distance swimmer and he has more than once been tempted to have a shot at the Channel.

The players mentioned as likely to form the back bone of the British Rugby team for the projected New Zealand tour are not particularly striking.

C. M. Daniels of New York will be on this side of the Atlantic shortly, and from reliable information the writer learns that he is keen on improving the English record (his own) for 100 yards.

It is good news to hear that the Australian rowing authorities are making preparations to send an eight to England next year for the purpose of competing at the Olympic Regatta at Henley.

We do not hear much about professional pedestrianism now-a-days, but C. W. Hart has issued a challenge to run any man in the world from 100 miles to six days for £ 100 aside, which may lead to business.

A raid was committed by outlaws last week near Gargari south of Karbegha in Kohat District, and two British subjects were killed.

The long debated proposals for improving the position of the Public Works Engineering service upon lines similar to these already adopted in some of the other Departments, are still under official discussion at Simla, and it is uncertain how soon they can be sent home.

SEVEN of the eight bronze figures standing outside the Hall of Records, New York, have been stolen. The authorities are puzzled to know how the thieves—which are worth about £150—were removed, as four policemen are supposed to pass the building every quarter of an hour throughout the night.

TROUBLE IN VENEZUELA.

INTERFERENCE WITH BRITISH RIGHTS.

Extraordinary Ultimatum.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CASTRO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, AUGUST 18.

Reuter's correspondent at Georgetown telegraphs that Captain Calder, commanding the Frontier Force, entered Venezuela and demanded at the point of the revolver a quantity of gum which he alleged had been collected in a British forest.

The Venezuelan Commissioner was unable to resist, and surrendered, but has appealed to President Castro.

The Government is trying to communicate with Captain Calder.

THE TROUBLE AT CASA-BLANCA.

Sultan Leaves for Rabat.

LONDON, AUGUST 18.

It is rumoured at Casablanca that the Sultan has left Fez for Rabat, in order to encounter the tribesmen.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

Dum-Dum Bullets Condemned.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

The Hague Conference has adopted Sir E. Fry's Resolution by acclamation, but it is generally felt that the approbation expressed is purely platonic.

Sir E. Fry likewise made a declaration against the use of Dum Dum bullets and explosives with asphyxiating gases.

JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

A Groundless Rumour.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

The *New York Herald* has had an interview with Mr. Taft regarding the reports that Japan might purchase the Philippines.

Mr. Taft said he knew perfectly well that Japan did not want to purchase the Philippines and that America would never sell them.

JAPANESE CRUISERS AT LISBON.

Cordial Reception.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

The Japanese cruisers *Tsukuba* and *Chitose* have arrived at Lisbon.

The King of Portugal and Admiral Iguin exchanged the most cordial toasts at a banquet.

DISASTER AT SEA.

S. S. "Fortunatus" Burnt.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

The ship *Forth* has arrived at Port Louis with the crew and passengers of the Steamer *Fortunatus* bound from Calcutta to Melbourne.

The vessel was burned at sea on the 31st July. Her boats were picked up six hundred miles south of Sumatra. One stoker was lost.

OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA

In Russian Poland.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

Cholera has broken out in Russian Poland.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

Issues a 5 Per cent. Loan.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

The British North Borneo Company has issued a hundred thousand pounds of five per cent. Bonds at par.

The stock will be devoted to extension of railways and other purposes.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, AUGUST 18.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. *Oriental*, with the English Mails of the 9th instant, left here for Bombay at 2 p. m. to-day. The same Company's s.s. *Victoria* left for Colombo and Australia at 3 p. m. to-day.

FACTORY LABOUR IN INDIA.

Commission Likely to be Appointed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 19.

A Commission upon factory labour is likely to be appointed to advise the Secretary of State. It will most probably tour through India during the ensuing cold weather.

REBELLIOUS ARAB TRIBES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 19.

The Sheikh of Koweit is reported to have returned in his launch to his capital, after an expedition in which he has cooperated with the Sheikh of Mohammerah in punishing some of the rebellious tribal subjects of the latter.

THE "BANDE MATARAM."

Mr. Arabindhu Ghose's Career and Connections.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, AUGUST 19.

It may not be generally known that Mr. Arabindhu Ghose, who has been so intimately associated with the *Bande Mataram*, is a Cambridge (St. John's) Graduate and successfully competed for the Indian Civil Service, being placed fourth in the order of merit. He failed, however, to obtain the necessary Medical Certificate of fitness. He then returned to India and was appointed Vice-Principal of the Baroda State College. He left that appointment towards the middle of last year at considerable personal sacrifice and took over the Principalship of the National College and School started in this city on August 1st, 1906. Mr. Arabindhu is a younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel K. D. Ghose, L. M. and S., and his elder brother Mr. M. Ghose, who is an Oxford Graduate, is Professor of English Literature in the Presidency College. Mr. Ghose is the son in-law of Rai Bahadur Bhupal Chunder Bose, the Director of Land Records and Agriculture in Eastern Bengal and Assam.

ABNORMAL RAIN IN DEESA.

Serious Casualties Reported.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DEESA, AUGUST 19.

There has been abnormally heavy rain here since the evening of the 16th instant. The railway line has been breached in two places between Palanpur and Deesa since the 17th, and the main line breached two miles north of Palanpur yesterday, but has been repaired.

No mails have been received in Deesa since the 16th. Great damage has been done to the Deesa Bazar; about 200 houses have fallen, but no lives were lost.

A 30 feet road to the Railway Station over the Kartki *nullah* has slipped away.

It is still raining.

RAILWAY WAREHOUSES AT TRADE CENTRES.

Experimental Selection of Amritsar.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, AUGUST 19.

The Department of Commerce and Industry has written to the Punjab Chamber of Commerce regarding the provision of accommodation for the storage of goods at railway stations in trade centres. The Under Secretary to Government states that the Railway Board to whom this question was referred proposed, as an experimental measure, to erect a storage shed at some station on the North Western Railway, and that the Manager has been directed to select a suitable centre for the purpose in consultation with the Chamber. He further states that the results of this experiment will determine the question of the extension of the system.

The Punjab Chamber has decided to represent to the North-Western Railway that after carefully considering the matter the Committee are of opinion that Amritsar is the most suitable centre for the erection of the experimental storage shed, and that they feel that the importance of Amritsar, as a distributing centre and the enormous demand existing at the present time for storage accommodation, will ensure the success of a warehouse established there.

TUTICORIN CATHOLIC CLUB.

Twelfth Anniversary Celebration.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TUTICORIN, AUGUST 19.

Started twelve years ago and financed by such distinguished patrons as His Grace the Duke of Norfolk and Sir Thomas Lipton, the Tuticorin Catholic Club, one of the best managed institutions in Southern India, celebrated its twelfth Anniversary last night in a fitting style in the presence of a large and representative gathering, Doctor Van Lanberg, the Ceylon Medical Officer, presiding. The programme was a long and varied one with musical intervals.

Mr. Joseph L. Motha of Seuna Hana and Co., a leading Parava fibre merchant, appealed to his community to forget their differences and bury the hatchet in the cause of the common weal. Mr N. M. Roche Victoria of Tata, Sons and Company pleaded for higher female education and the opening of a national girls college. An interesting paper on the conversion of the Paravas by St. Francis Xavier who was deputed on the Mission by the King of Portugal in the fifteenth century was also read.

The Chairman in winding up the proceedings congratulated the Club on its splendid work, and wished it continued prosperity.

Every hope is entertained that the long standing breach between the two sections of the Paravas will be gulfed

RAILWAY DIRECTORATES.

Enlarged Financial Powers Conferred.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 19.

Enlarged financial powers, similar to those exercised by the Managers of State Railways, are conferred upon the Directorates of the Companies with authorisation to delegate them in a large measure to the Agents of the Lines.

It is understood that Mr. Volkers, Secretary to the Railway Beard, and Mr. Priestly, Agent of the Madras Railway, who have recently proceeded to England, will be consulated by the India Office in connection with the redistribution of the South Indian Railways, which is now pending.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 19.

Captain H. W. Atley, Royal Field Artillery, has been selected for appointment as Adjutant, 13th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Riding Master H. W. Naylor, Royal Field Artillery, is transferred from New Castle to Kirkee and Riding Master Taylor from Kirkee to New Castle.

An exchange has been sanctioned between Lieutenant Stillwell, 35th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, and Lieutenant Robinson, 77th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

2nd Lieutenant Rathborne, 2nd Battalion, Dorset Regiment, is permitted to vacate his appointment in the Army Service Corps and rejoin his unit in India.

Captain R. G. Morris, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been selected for the Adjutancy of the 2nd Middlesex Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers at London.

2nd-Lieutenant J. B. Gough, Royal Field Artillery, is posted to the 66th Battery, Royal Field Altillery, and embarks for India on the 2nd of October next.

Colonel E. Glennie, Royal Engineers, is permitted to retire from the Service from 15th August 1907.

Lieutenant T. C. Keefer, Royal Engineers, is permitted to resign his Commission.

Lieutenant Robinson, 58th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, has been selected for appointment to the Royal Horse Artillery, and is posted to "F." Battery, Royal Horse Artillery.

Captain R. W. H. Bourchier, 66 Battery, Royal Field Artillery, is transferred to the 3rd Battery, Royal Field Artillery, on promotion.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

The Pacific Fleet Incident.

A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

(FROM AUSTRALIAN PAPERS.)

London, August 5.

President Roosevelt's secretary admits now that a fleet of 16 United States battleships is going to the Pacific Ocean for practice.

The "New York World" says that the decision to send the fleet to the Pacific occasions bewilderment, amazement and apprehension, as the despatch of the warships is certain to encourage fresh excesses on the part of the worst demagogues in the States.

The "New York Herald" urges the despatch of battleships *viâ* the Suez Canal to the Philippines.

Importation of British Maids.

THE SYDNEY SCHEME.

The "Times" publishes a letter from Agnes N. Farrell with regard to the Sydney scheme for assisting British maids to become domestic helps in New South Wales.

The Belfast Police Strike.

SPEECH BY THE DISMISSED LEADER.

Ex-Constable Barrett, who was recently dismissed from the Royal Irish Constabulary in consequence of his having been the leader of the police strike at Belfast, addressed a public meting at Belfast yesterday. Among the 5,000 persons present were dock strikers and loafers, but no police.

He fiercely attacked the police officers, and declared that the men were bound to triumph. They ought however, he added, to have struck at the time of the Boer war, when there were no military in Ireland.

The Casablanca Massacre.

ACTION BY FRANCE AND SPAIN.

It is expected that, with the consent of the Signatory Powers concerned in the Algeciras Convention, France and Spain will send 4,000 troops to occupy Casablanca within the next week.

The commander of the French cruiser "Galilee," by threatening to bombard Casablanca, induced the authorities in the town to permit 200 Europeans and Jews to leave the place. The tribesmen, in revenge for being prevented from attacking the refugees, desecrated the Christian cemetery in the port, and burned a number of corpses.

Naval Warfare.

LIMITATION OF RIGHTS OF BELLIGERENTS.

On Saturday, the Committee of Examination at the International Peace Conference at The Hague decided by a majority against the right of belligerents to convert merchant vessels into warships on the high seas. The majority included Great Britain, the United States, Italy, and Japan. Russia, France, and Germany voted with the minority.

American Anti-Trust Campaign.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S CASE.

SCATHING REMARKS BY JUDGE LANDIS.

In the case against the Standard Oil Company, the United States District Court, sitting at Chicago, imposed the maximum penalty for 1,462 violations of Elkins's anti-rebate law, which the Standard Oil Company committed in conjunction with the Chicago and Alton Railway Company.

Judge Landis denounced as an abhorrent heresy the defendant Company's claim that it had the right to make secret agreements with regard to railway rates. He regretted that he was unable to send the violators of the law to prison, since their actions wounded society more deeply than did those of counterfeiters of coin or mail-bag thieves.

A stay of execution for 60 days was granted, in order to allow of the Standard Oil Company appealing to the United States Circuit Court.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the head of the Standard Oil Company, was playing golf when he was informed of the decision of the Court. He was quite unmoved by the news, and resumed his game.

Royal Navy.

THE SOLENT REVIEW.

After the great naval review in the Solent on Saturday, His Majesty the King expressed satisfaction at the efficient condition of the Home Fleet.

The "Times," commenting on the review, says that although the Home Fleet is not a perfect model of fighting efficiency and instant readiness for war, it exhibits an abundance of promise and a very large measure of achievement.

Antarctic Exploration.

LIEUT. SHACKLETON'S EXPEDITON.

ROYAL VISIT TO THE NIMROD.

Their Majesties the King and Queen, and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Connaught, paid a visit, at Cowes on Saturday, to the steam yacht Nimrod, in which Lieut. E. H. Shackleton will make his expedition to the South Polar regions. The visitors were greatly interested in the equipment of the vessel.

The King decorated Lieut. Shackleton with the Victorian Order as an incentive to the scientific research and exploration. His Majesty hoped that the explorer's difficult enterprise would prove successful.

The Queen presented her portrait to Lieut. Shackleton, and also gave him a silk Union Jack, remarking, "May this lead you safely to the South Pole."

Mr. Wm A. Bell, a Surrey gentleman, has given £4,000 towards the funds of the expedition.

Germany and Russia.

"A PURELY PERSONAL MEETING."

It is semi-officially announced at Berlin that the meeting of the Kaiser and the Czar at Swinemunde is of purely personal significance.

Prince von Bulow's newspaper organ declares that neither secret treaties nor surprises of any kind will result from the meeting of the two Sovereigns.

The Greeks in Macedonia.

REPLY TO TURKEY'S PROTEST.

Greece has replied to Turkey's protest against Greek bands, under Greek military officers, attacking the Bulgarians in Macedonia. These officers will, Greece states, be severely punished for their action. The presence of the officers in Macedonia is, however, she explains, due mainly to the fact that the Bulgarians murdered 60 Greeks at Salonika and Monastir in May last.

THE MUD SPORTS.

A New Departure.

The abnormal rain of this season has entirely ruined the favourite Wednesday amusement of the monsoon. For the past five weeks it has been impossible to hold the Mud-Sports, and the Marine Lines Maidan is still hopelessly sodden. The Committee have therefore decided to undertake a new departure, and the sports will take place to-morrow evening on the sands at Back Bay. The decision was only arrived at yesterday, but it will certainly meet with general approval. The programme will be issued to-day and will appear in our edition to-morrow. The novel *venue* offers the Committee a chance of introducing some new events—if time permit of their arrangement.

THE GIBB'S ROAD LANDSLIP.

The following are excerpts from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, held on the 6th August:—

Considered, with reference to Trustees' Resolution, dated the 2nd July papers underlying circular on the following memorandum by the Chairman, dated the 1st August:—

The slip on the Gibb's Road has, as the Board are aware, assumed very serious proportions and the measures necessary in consequence will require very careful expert consideration. The circumstances are most exceptional and peculiar, and I should, in the first place, be glad of the Board's permission to address Government with a request that they will permit Mr. Page, the Geological expert at the Poona College of Science, to examine the slip and favour the Board with a report on the probable causes and the possibility of further extension of the damage, with any suggestions he may consider it advisable to make. As slips have occurred on this road in past years, long before the Improvement Trust was thought of, Mr. Page ought to have every opportunity of obtaining information from members of the public and from Municipal employes, and the fact of his being about to make an investigation (should Government accede to our request) should be given the fullest possible publicity.

Next, I think, we should get the best available engineering opinion on the matter. Experience with a dangerous formation of this kind is not very common, but there are places in the Deccan where heavy boulders, muram and interposed strata of 'Shadu' earth occur, as in this case, with the strata titled at a considerable angle. Large Railway Contractors have sometime experienced great difficulty from this cause, and I understand that Mr. Monk, who is employed on the New Dock Works under Messrs. Price, Wills and Reeves, has met with experience of this kind. Mr. Fitzgibbon, the Superintending Engineer, N. D., has also I believe had some experience of 'Shadu' in the Deccan. I should like to ask for the services of these two gentlemen to sit on a small expert Committee to discuss the question as to the best steps to be taken to repair the damage and place matters in a stable condition for the future. The Committee, I suggest, is as follows:—Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Hall, Mr. Monk, Mr. Kent, Mr. Watson, and myself; and if Mr. Messent would consent to join it, his opinion will be of much value.

It will be necessary to ask Government to allow Mr. Fitzgibbon to assist and the Agent to Messrs. Price, Wills and Reeves would have to be asked to allow Mr. Monk to join us. In his case, I think, we should be prepared to offer a moderate fee, say, Rs. 100.

The Trust Engineer is having an accurate survey made to prepare a plan and sufficient cross sections of the slip, and some photographs have also been taken. It will probably be a fortnight before this detail is completely ready, and then each member of the Committee could be supplied with copies to study prior to a meeting. Meanwhile if my proposals are approved, we should perhaps be in possession of Mr. Page's report from the geologist's point of view.

If the Board approve I will address Government and Mr. Stuart, the Agent of Messrs, Price, Wills and Reeves accordingly.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Messent had expressed his willingness to serve on the proposed Committee.

Resolution.—The Chairman's suggestion is approved and Government should be addressed, as proposed, in the first instance.

Considered the following notice of motion by Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey, dated the 12th July, regarding the leasing of plots Nos. 13, 16 in Princess Street for a Theatre.

"That Trustees' Resolution of 23rd April be rescinded, and that in lieu thereof it be resolved that Mr. Nowroji Dhunjeebhoy be informed that the Board are not prepared to lease any of the plots mentioned by him in his letter, dated 3rd April for the purpose."

Resolution.—The motion is adopted.

Considered papers underlying circular on the following letter from the Engineer, dated the 16th July:—

I have the honour to inform you that great difficulty is constantly found in carrying out the various constructional works owing to the absence of suitable Tools and Plant.

The native contractor does not seem to appreciate the necessity of supplying himself with tools and plant suitable to the execution of the work. The consequence is that I have had to put up katcha work which, if the necessary tools and plant had been available, could have been avoided, I have also found myself constantly handicapped in carrying out such small departmental works as we have hitherto done, by the fact of the Trust's not having the necessary tools and plant, and I would request the favour of your obtaining the Board's sanction to the purchase of the following, the cost of which amounts to about Rs. 15,000.

One large Stone Breaker, costing approximately	Rs. 5,300
One Portable Oil Engine, Hornsby, Ackroyd or other equally good make, 34 H P. costing about	„ 5,200
One large Mechanical Mortar Mill, costing about	„ 1,300
One Concrete Mixer, costing about	„ 1,000
One or Two Tench Pumps (one Steam Driven), costing about	„ 2,000

This amount has been provided for in the current year's Budget. I would further point out that in addition to the saving made by getting better work a considerable quantity of the capital spent would be returned to the Trust in the shape of fees for the hire of the above plant, and I would suggest that in future the amounts so received should be kept in a separate account and only drawn upon for the purchase of such additional plant as may become necessary. I would request the favour of your early sanction to the above expenditure to enable me to order out the machinery as soon after the close of the monsoon as possible.

Resolution sanctioned.

Considered, with reference to Trustees' Resolution dated the 1st March 1904, papers underlying circular on the following Resolution of Government in the General Department, dated the 13th July:—

Letter from the Chairman, City of Bombay Improvement Trust, dated the 21st December 1903.

"In acknowledging receipt of Government Resolution dated the 9th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith alternative proposals regarding the laying out of the site of the former residence of the Admiral in Marine Lines. Personally I prefer the arrangement shown on plan though I think the location of the servants' houses can be improved upon. If, however, Government desire to adopt any other arrangement of laying out the lands, I have no doubt the Trustees would adopt whatever may be desired.

"With regard to the condition that Government should have the option of taking leases of these houses at rents to be agreed upon, probably the simplest method of dealing with this option would be for Government to have the houses they wish constructed, designed by Mr. Begg. The Trustees would then be in a position to fix the ground-rents payable and take steps to secure a lessee for the whole area or separate lessees for the each building. When the preliminaries have been settled by the Trustees, I could let you know the probable rent at which Government could secure long leases for the buildings, and on the approval of Government, the necessary conditions might be included in the agreement to lease to be entered into with intending lessees."

Letter from the Chairman, City of Bombay Improvement Trust, dated the 10th March 1904.

"With reference to correspondence ending with your memorandum dated the 4th ultimo, forwarding a rough sketch prepared by the Consulting Architect to Government for laying out the site of the former residence of the Admiral in Marine Lines, together with an approximate estimate of cost amounting to Rs. 1,08,584 for the four houses proposed to be constructed thereon, I have the honour to inform you that it will probably not be possible to get lessees to take up the site subject to Government exercising an indefinite option to lease. If, however, Government are willing to lease the four houses to be built at Rs. 1,400 per month for a long period of years, say, 25, 50 or 99 years, the Trustees are of opinion that it will be possible to secure lessees, and they are willing to have the site vested in them at the rate mentioned in Government Resolution the General Department dated 9th December last, for the construction of the buildings as shown on the plan sent by Government and marked Consulting Architect to Government, dated 6th July 1903.

If Government do not desire to enter into a lease as above, the Trustees are willing to have the site vested in them subject only to the following conditions:—

(a) That two-storied houses to be approved by Government are constructed; and

(b) that the schedule value be Rs. 12½ per square yard.

"The plan and estimates which accompanied your memorandum under reference are returned herewith."

Resolution.—In modification of the orders contained in Government Resolution, dated the 9th December 1903, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the plot of land in Marine Lines, 8,258 square yards in area, which forms the site of the former residence of the Admiral, East Indies Squadron, should be made over to the City Improvement Trust on the same conditions as other Government lands included in Schedule C of the City of Bombay Improvement Act, and subject to the further conditions that only two-storied houses should be erected on the plot and that plans of the houses to be erected should be subject to the approval of Government.

The schedule value of this land should be fixed at Rs. 103,225 *i.e.*, Rs. 12½ per square yards.

Read the minutes thereon.

Resolution.—Government should be asked to modify the conditions so as to permit building of a ground and two upper floors, the approval to plans resting with the Board only.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

A meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, the Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey the President presiding.

SCHOOL FOR BEGARIES CHILDREN.

The Corporation considered the following letter from the Municipal Commissioner on the subject of providing a school house for children of begaries working in the village of Chimbur:—"I have the honour to state that the begaries employed in the work of unloading Kntchra at Deonar have represented to me the utter absence in their vicinity of facilities for educating their children, and have applied for assistance in the matter. They state that the school nearest to the reclamation works is in Chimbur, which is far away from their quarters and they being low caste men, there is difficulty in obtaining admission into the school. They therefore request that they be provided with a school house near their quarters. In 1902 the matter was brought to the notice of the Commissioner by the Collector of Thana, who stated that if the Municipality would provide the necessary building, the District Local Board of Thana might conduct the school; but in accordance with Counsel's opinion in Tata's Indian University of Research Scheme, the Collector was informed that the Municipality have no power to incur any expenditure on education outside the limits of the Municipality. 2. As the begaries themselves have now re-opened the question and the Honorary Secretary of the Mission for the Depressed Classes has addressed me in the matter, offering to conduct the school if the Municipality would provide a school house, I have thought fit to submit the matter to the Corporation for orders. 3. Although the opinion of Counsel above referred to prohibts the Corporation from engaging in educational enterprise outside the City, yet it seems to me that as the begaries are Municipal servants, whose material well-being it is competent for the Corporation to foster by the provision of quarters and of medical aid in case of illness, it is perhaps legally open to that body to provide also for the educational wants of their children. I would point out that the liability of the Corporation ceases with the provision of a school house, the Mission undertaking the rest. 4. I am informed that the number of children that will attend the school would be about 40 and the executive Engineer estimates that a cheap school house, 30ft. by 16ft., which will accommodate about 50 children can be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,473; and if the Corporation be pleased to sanction its construction at the above cost I shall be glad to point out the source from which the amount can be met. I am unwilling to definitely decline on technical grounds a request for education which I believe to be sincere, and I leave the final decision in the hands of the Corporation, in the full conviction that that body will give their sympathetic consideration to the suggestion."

The Hon'ble Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta remarked that the Commissioner had made out a very strong case for providing the educational wants of the children of the begaries working at Deonar. There was, he thought, a legal difficulty in their way, but as it was incumbent on them to educate the children of their employes, and he therefore proposed that the Commissioner be requested to take legal opinion as to the Corporation's power to spend money on the building. There was, Sir Phirozeshah said, a considerable amount of sympathy with the proposed object and it was just as well that they had obtained legal opinion.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla seconded the proposition, remarking that the begaries were living in Deonar because they had to attend to the conservancy of the City and it was the bounden duty of the Corporation to accord educational facilities to the children of their employees.

Mr. James MacDonald supported the proposition.

Mr. Jehangier B. Petit said that in case the legal opinion was against them, they must ask Government to so amend the Act as to enable the Corporation to spend money on the most worthy object of giving education to the children of the Municipal begaries, who were compelled, on account of their duty, to reside at such a distant place where there existed no school.

The proposition was carried.

IMPORTATION OF FISH

Mr. D. E. Wacha raised the following proposition, of which he had given previous notice:—

"That the Commissioner be requested to obtain information from the Health Officer and the Superintendent of Markets and from such other sources as may be available, whether the allegations made in the Vernacular Press that fish is imported into Bombay from distant places in a condition unfit for human consumption are well founded, and if it is so, to take or suggest measures for preventing such importation."

In support of the motion Mr. Wacha remarked that by this proposition he did not mean to stop any legitimate trade, but if it caused danger to public health, it was their duty to take measures for preventing the importation of unwholesome fish which was unfit for human consumption.

Sir Pherozeshah Mehta in seconding the proposition said that if fish was imported into Bombay, it should be packed in a proper manner so that it might not decay during the transit. The health officer should take steps that unwholesome fish, the consumption of which was dangerous to the health of the people, was not allowed to be imported in Bombay—especially at this time of the year.

The proposition was carried.

THE LATE CHIEF WATER INSPECTOR.

On the motion of the Hon'ble Sir Pherozeshah Mehta the following was forwarded to the Commissioner.

Letter to the Corporation, dated the 18th July 1907, from Messrs. Bicknell Merwanji and Romer, Solicitors, giving notice, on behalf of their client Mr. Firoze Jamsetji Mulla Firoze, late Chief Inspector, Water Works, who has been dismissed from service by the Commissioner for carelessness and neglect of duty in connection with the recent Sitaram Buildings Fire, that, in default of payment of Rs. 40,000 claimed by their client for compensation for wrongful dismissal and defamation, their client will institute legal proceedings against the Commissioner and the Corporation or either of them.

CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL BUSINESS.

Mr. A. K. Leslie raised the following proposition, of which he had given previous notice:—

"It being within the competence of the Corporation, under Section 36 of the Municipal Act, to make Rules and Regulations for the conduct of its business, and it having become necessary to arrange for the better ordering and conduct of the deliberations of the Corporation with a view, amongst other things, of preserving the dignity and authority of the House, and of checking waste of time, a Committee of seven, composed of the following members, be appointed to consider the advisability of amending the existing Rules and Regulations, and be requested to submit for the consideration of the Corporation such amendments or additions thereto as they may deem necessary, with the above object:—The Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta, K.C.I.E.; The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, C.I.E.; The Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey; The Hon. Mr. G. Owen Dunn; The Hon. Mr. H. S. Dikshit; Mr. J. Baptista; Mr. A. K. Leslie."

In moving his proposition Mr. Leslie said that although he had been a member of the Corporation for a short space of time, he discovered that there was considerable room for improvement in the conduct of the deliberations of the Board. He had therefore the temerity to bring forward the motion.

Sir Pherozeshah Mehta said that it was necessary to have lawyers on the Committee and he suggested that the names of Mr. Jinnah, Mr. Setalwad and Sir Bhalchandra,—the last named being one of the oldest and most experienced members of the Corporation—be added to the Committee.

Mr. Leslie accepted the suggestion.

Dr. Sukhia moved, as an amendment, that the names of Mr. D. E. Wacha, Mr. Ebrahim Adamji Peerbhoy, Mr. Salebhoy Karimji Barodawalla and himself be added to the Committee.

Dr. S. S. Bottlewalla appealed to Mr. Leslie to add the name of Dr. Sukhia to the Committee.

Mr. Leslie said that the Committee was already large enough and he declined to add Dr. Sukhia's name to it.

Mr. Jehanjir B. Petit proposed, as an amendment, that the names of Dr. Sukhia and Mr. D. E. Wacha be added to the Committee. He thought that it was fair that Dr. Sukhia should be given an opportunity to explain his views before the Committee. The proposition chiefly concerned him, and his name ought to be on the Committee.

Dr. Jehangir Cursetji seconded the amendment.

After some discussion Mr. Jehangir Petit's amendment was carried.

The Corporation then adjourned to Thursday next.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

FEDERAL POLITICS.

Sir John Forrest's Resignation.

COMMONWEALTH NAVAL POLICY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

*MELBOURNE, AUGUST 6.

SIR JOHN FORREST, who has received congratulatory messages from all parts of Australasia upon his recent retirement, comments upon Mr. Watson's contention, which has been repeated by a section of the Press, that he would have better consulted his dignity by retiring seven months ago. "It was impossible for me to do so," said Sir John Forrest, "I fought the election in opposition to the Labour platform, with the knowledge of the Prime Minister who fought Ballarat against the Labour Party on the same platform as I did. I had considered the advisableness of retiring before the elections, so that I might have a freer hand. The result of the elections, was that one seat was won from the Labour Party in Western Australia. After the elections I communicated with the Prime Minister, and upon my return to Melbourne, I consulted with him. I advised him of the course I was in favour of pursuing. Parliament then met formally, I was not made aware of the intentions of the Labour Party, though I had a suspicion that it intended supporting the Government. The Prime Minister was obliged to go to England, and while he was there, I again urged my views upon him. Mr. Deakin returned, and met the House. A day before Parliament met, it was stated that the Labour Party had met and had resolved to support the Government, but directly the debate on the Address-in-Reply commenced, attacks were made on the Government by the Labour Party, and especially upon myself by certain of its members. All along from January last I felt that I could not remain in the Government if the outlook remained as it was. I could not do so consistently with my platform pledges, and the Prime Minister was all along aware of my intentions. The time had come for me to insist upon my resolves to leave the Cabinet, and I had no hesitation about the step I should take. Unfortunately, the Prime Minister was taken ill on the very day these attacks were made, and I could not speak to him. Directly, however, when he was sufficiently recovered, I took the first opportunity of tendering of my resignation."

SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS PROBABLE.

The sudden arrival of His Excellency the Governor-General from Sydney has given rise to much conjecture in political circles. The Prime Minister also came in from Point Lonsdale. Unfortunately, Mr. Deakin looks far from well, and judging from appearances, it would seem very unlikely that he will be able to resume work for some little time. Asked about his health on Monday last, Mr. Deakin replied:—"I thought that I was better when I came in, but I find that I am not." It is impossible not to recognise that Mr. Deakin looks extremely haggard and tired, and he must have been worse than was generally thought. While it is impossible to obtain any definite information from Ministers—in fact they profess that there is nothing in the air—there are unmistakable indications of serious developments. These may be immediate, and it is quite possible that when Ministers meet the House to-morrow, an important statement may be made. If Mr. Deakin decided to retire temporarily from participation in politics, deep regret will be felt by every section of the House. This is, however, a possibility which cannot be ignored. During the afternoon some Ministers met in consultation, and it was somewhat remarkable that Sir Wm. Lyne was seemingly unaware that these meetings had taken place.

Nothing further can be ascertained about the political situation, and in some quarters the opinion is expressed that the reason is because a mountain may have been made out of a molehill. Still the fact remains that the Governor-General came over at a minute's notice from Sydney, that Ministers have been in consultation all day and that the Prime Minister had a long interview with the Governor-General. It is also incontestable that Mr. Deakin is seriously unwell, and that there is no immediate prospect of his return to duty. It was rumoured that Mr. Deakin may remain at the head of the Government, without a department, and that there may be a general change of portfolios, but it is all rumour, and no facts are available.

COMMONWEALTH NAVAL POLICY.

The Government's local Naval policy will be announced within the next fortnight or three weeks. The Defence Department is busily engaged in elaborating the estimates and technical aspects of the various alternatives open to the Government, since it has been given a free hand by the Admiralty. A forecast of some kind is naturally expected to be forthcoming in connection with the budget, which must, of course, make provision for the first instalment of the expediture necessitated by the new turn which events have taken since the Imperial Conference.

The Minister of Defence has been in communication with the Admiral in charge of the Australian Station, and has also before him the information supplied to the Prime Minister by the principal Naval advisers of the British Government. Equipped with this data, Mr. Ewing is now engaged in drafting the broad outlines of a scheme which will provide for harbour and coastal defence in such a way as to minister directly to the needs of the local Naval force, and indirectly to the resources of the Imperial Navy, in the event of hostilities. The particular types of the vessels to be selected for the Australian Naval force, and questions relating to the time and place of the construction of the ships, are now under his consideration; but owing to the fact that the new scheme must seek to provide for the varying circumstances of the chief ports and the long coast line of Australia, it may be some little time yet before the precise plan to be laid before Parliament will be settled by the Cabinet. In any case, the question of the termination of the Naval Agreement will be dealt with by Parliament this Session.

VICTUALLING THE NAVY.

Speaking at the Commercial Travellers' Annual Banquet at Sydney, on Saturday evening, Vice-Admiral Sir W. H. Fawkes explained the Admiralty's policy in connection with the victualling of the fleet. He said that questions had come to him which made him think that it was not quite understood why so many provisions and stores had not of late years been bought in Australia, and they might like to know why that was so. Up to about six years ago, all provisions were bought in Australia for the Navy in these waters, and a great many for other squadrons. That had rather ceased latterly, though the policy had not ceased. The policy he had advocated, and that the Admiralty had endorsed, was that supplies should be provided from Australia and New Zealand, as far as those countries were able to meet the demands; but there were three principal causes which had prevented that being done of late. First, the China Squadron had been reduced. Probably the Australian Squadron also would have been reduced if it had not been for the Naval Agreement. When there was a large squadron in China, the Admiralty had large stocks. When the fleet was reduced the firm was overloaded—he thought that was the proper way to put it. The second cause was that in 1903 a new dietary scale was started in the Royal Navy, and jams and other things were introduced that had not been readily taken up by the men. The stocks in consequence had been too large. The third reason was that facilities for transport were now so great, and things could be sent all over the world so easily and so quickly, that stocks kept in hand were not now so large as they used to be. In future, when existing conditions had altered, he felt certain that the whole of the Eastern Fleets would be fed from Australia. And he might also tell them that that magnificent building being erected in Darling Harbor was to be called the "Royal Edward Victualling Yard." It was the first place of the kind abroad to be named after the reigning Sovereign. It was, indeed, a grand thing when the Navy of the Empire could be fed by the Empire, and an Admiralty could get all they wanted in the Empire. He agreed that it would also be a great thing for the Navy if they could get their ammunition to Australia; but it was necessary to remember that when English taxpayers had to pay so much, and were discharging hands at Woolwich, there was the difficulty of having to think of people at home as well as those out here. The gospel he would like to preach was, "The Empire is greater than any part of it."

BRITISH PREFERENCE CLAUSES.

No information has been made available for some months past concerning the fate of the British Preference Bill passed last session by the defunct Federal Parliament, and recommended, on the advice of the Prime Minister, to be reserved for his Majesty's assent. Of course, the measures to be passed during this session of the new Parliament would, if they include proposals for preference, supersede the 1906 Bill. It has not yet been officially announced whether the Deakin Government intends to propose a preference, to the mother country in connection with the tariff when submitted, or whether it desires to deal with it by a special measure. In the circumstances, however, it may be assumed from the Prime Minister's silence on the point since his return from London, that in one form or another preference to British goods will be offered this year, in order that the curious situation created by the suspension of the Bill of last year may be terminated. Unless entirely unforeseen difficulties obtrude themselves, it is probable that the Government, will table all its fiscal propositions in one comprehensive measure. Until these propositions have been finally disposed of by Parliament, the closing chapter of the story of the 1906 Bill will not be written.

THE FAR EAST.

At Adelaide, Yesterday, a Deputation, consisting of the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce and the Corn Trade section, and other leading merchants, waited on the Minister for Agriculture, in reference to the Victorian Government granting a subsidy to steamers carrying wheat and flour from that State to the Far East. The Deputation pointed out that South Australian shippers had worked up a trade at great cost to themselves, but now the action of the Victorian Government in granting a subsidy might tend to deprive them of the advantage of their enterprise. The Deputation said that it did not want a subsidy if all the other States would agree not to have subsidies, but if Victoria continued its subsidy it was suggested that the South Australian Government should assist in a similar manner steamers carrying cereals to the Philippines and China. The Minister said that the Government was in accord with the Deputation, in regard to subsidies being discontinued. He promised to place the representations before Cabinet, and if it were found impossible to get the other States to abandon these payments to steamers, the Government would consider the advisableness of granting a subsidy to vessels trading to the Philippines and China.

EPIDEMIC AMONGST ABORIGINES.

Two or three days ago, a telegram of a somewhat alarming character was received in Perth from the police at Roebourne to the effect that Messrs. Tuck and Rae, two squatters in the Whim Creek district, had reported that an epidemic was raging amongst the aborigines in that district. The report further stated that several deaths had occurred amongst the young Natives, and some relief action was requested. From the information available, it was difficult for the authorities to underst

SPORTING NEWS.

POONA RACES.

Fourth Extra Meeting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUGUST 19.

It has rained very heavily in Poona interfering postponing and putting a stop to almost every sporting programme whether it be cricket or polo or races. Since Saturday however we have been favoured with a break, though the sky occasionally looks threatening and pours down light passing showers. The postponed Fourth Extra Meeting was held to-day under pleasant weather conditions and provided sport of rare and very interesting character. Fields this afternoon were remarkably large and three places could be had in every event. Two hurdle races advertised for to-day having been postponed to next Saturday owing to softness of the turf, the authorities divided the race for new Arabs and provided us with a card of seven events It was a trying card and puzzled the brains of many as is always the case when there is a wide margin for selection. The favourites returned home in three races and punters rejoiced when Metal Maid, Young Gazelle, and Betty captured stakes, but it was a joy after pain for in three previous events Emir, Shabeeb and Precious had failed to turn trumps. But the joy was shortlived and in the last event twelve to one backed Virballa romped in easy winner, leading from start to finish to the horror of punters who had all their money on Russely Rose, Koko and Mandeville. The bookies had a good day and to their credit it must be owned they offered fair odds. Attendance to-day was good and above the usual that gather on the course on non-holidays and they certainly had a lively time of it.

The chief event of the afternoon was the Old Stand Plate, a high weight handicap mile race for horses. Sixteen full blooded horses, finest specimens of equine beauty and all in first class condition donned colours for this event. Metal Maid was installed favourite at the odds of threes against, with Flotsam, Rosewater and Admiral Crichton next in demand; it was a fine race. Metal Maid got out second at the start and led at half mile and won staying out the challenge from Mallinyook with three-quarters of a length to spare. Admiral Crichton ran consistently but he had to be content with a place. The Arab mile race found seventeen coming under the starter's orders and game Precious failed his supporters to-day. He was heavily backed but was nowhere and Young Kohinoor had the day. Young Taylor rode well and had he been a second late Ashroff would have had the race for himself and the latter under Kamad's guidance ran splendidly. 12 to 1 Adham and 5 to 1 Intakia won the two divisions of Novice Plate with considerable ease, while Young Gazelle,once he took the lead,was never very much disturbed in the six furlong race for Arab ponies. Betty too had an easy won in the G. R's event though it demanded Mr Deane's best powers of horsemanship to overhaul Tigris. In the last event Virballa was never disturbed and led from start to finish.The following are the details :—

FIRST NOVICE MAIDEN PLATE.

Mr. Nusser Abdulla's Adham 7st 11lbs.....Yussuff 1
Mr Tracey's Lucky Prince 8st .....Southall 2
Messrs Mirza Ahmed and Waheed's Elector 8st 3lbs .....Heeroo 3
Mr S Yussuff's Hobart 6st 3lbs .....Native 4

Also ran.—Retreat 8st 9lbs, Madrid 8st 6lbs, Herrical 8st 6lbs, Emir 8st 6lbs, Makbul 8st 6lbs, Baroda 7st 11lbs, Kabil 7st 2lbs and Sib 6st 13lbs.Carried 7st 2lbs.

Betting.—6 to 4 against Emir, fives Elector and Lucky Prince; sevens Madrid and Sib; twelves Adham and Longer odds the others.

The Race.—From a poor start Lucky Prince showed out for a few seconds; then Emir took the lead from him, Herrical and Electer lying next. At the three furlongs the first three were nearly level and at the bend Emir full back and Lucky Prince led from Elector. Up the distance Adham came very strong and displacing the leader won by half a length; one length between second and third. Time—1 min. 14 secs.

Winner trained by Owner.

SECOND NOVICE MAIDEN PLATE.

Mr Ali bin Talib's Intakia, 8st 6lbs (carried 1st 7lbs) .....F Williams 1
Mr Khalildoree's Amood 7st 8lbs (Carried 7st 9lbs) .....Southal 2
Mr Bushari's Bourbon 8st 6lbs .....Musjeed 3
Mr Ahmed Dawood's Thuyyar 7st 9lbs .....Native 4

Also ran.—Zir 8st 6lbs, Rains 8st 6lbs, Patna 8st 3lbs, Lender 8st 3lbs, Express 8st. Robert Macaire 7st 9lbs, Andry 7st 8lbs and Shabeeb 7st 8lbs.

Betting.—5 to 2 against Shabeeb; threes Amood; fives Express and Intakia; eights Lender, and tens; and twenties the others.

The Race.—Again another poor short and Lender followed by Intakia Bourbon and Express led the field to the bend where Express fell back. Up the straight Lender joined the field and Intakia took the lead. Here Amood shot out but could not catch Intakia who won comfortably by two and a half lengths; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min 13 1/5secs.

Winner trained by C B Mahomed.

THE LANOWLI PLATE.

Mr Ameer's Young Kohinoor 8st 8lbs.....Taylor 1
Mr Runchordass' Ashroff 7st 12lbs.....Kamad 2
Mr Waheed's Skylark 8st 7lbs.....Robinson 3
Mr Ali bin Talib's Suella 7st 5lbs.....R W Fraser 4

Also ran.—Precious 10st 11b, Soheil 9st, Nooman 8st 5lbs, Bendigo 8st 4lbs, Peculiar 8st 3lbs, Arab Lord 8st 2lbs, Gladiator 8st, Nizam 7st 13lbs, Scarlet 7st 8lbs, Dhamas 7st 2lbs carried 7st 3lbs, Talisman 6st 10lbs, Swallor 6st 8lbs, Joker 6st 3lbs carried 6st 11lbs.

Betting.—Evens Precious; fives against Ashroff, sixes Bendigo; eights Nizam and Skylark; tens Gladiator; twelves Young Kohinoor, Peculiar and Suella, and longer odds the others.

The Race—The field got off well together and Gladiator followed by Swallor and Peculiar led to the six furlongs where Peculiar took charge with Ashroff and Skylark lying next. At the bend Peculiar fell back, and Ashroff led into the straight followed by Skylark. Up the distance Young Kohinoor came up on the rails with a fast stride and chasing Ashroff caught him half way up and won a fine race by three-quarters of a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—1 min. 57 2/5 secs.

Winner trained by Abdul Rahim Musser.

THE OLD STAND PLATE.

R R S' Metal Maid 8st 13lbs, ...F Williams 1
Kour Sahib of Patiala's Mallinyook 7st 6lbs .....F Manley 2
H H Aga Khan and Aga Shah's Admiral Crichton 8st 10lbs .....Kamad 3
Thakore Sripalsingh's Flotsam 7st 8lbs .....E R Sutherland 4

Also ran.—Clear Artist 9st 12lbs, Stir About 9st 7lbs, Circuit 8st 6lbs, Preparation 9st 4lbs, Cinderbird 9 t 3lbs, Dulcimer 8st 12lbs, Presbyterian 8st 9lbs, Balayeuse 7st 10lbs, Trenayr 7st 9lbs, Rosewater 7st 4lbs, Insurrection 7st, carried 7st 10lbs, Chevalier 6st 10lbs, carried 7st 1lb.

Betting—Threes against Metal Mail; fours Flotsam, fives Rosewater; sixes Admiral Crichton; sevens Trenayr and Mallinyook, Tens and twenties the others.

The Race.—In a large field Clear Artist got badly left at the post, Stir About led from Metal Maid, Admiral Crichton and Presbyterian to the half mile where the first three got level, but soon after Stir About began to fall back and Metal Maid led from Admiral Crichton and Presbyterian with the rest following in an Indian file to the bend where Flotsam and Trenayr got into handy positions. Up the straight Presbyterian fell away and Mallinyook shot out into second place displacing Admiral Crichton. In an exciting race home Metal Maid won by three-quarters of a length. Three lengths dividing second and third. Time.—1 min 49 1/5 secs.

Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.

THE MIDGET HANDICAP.

Mr Kelso's Young Gazelle 7st 7lbs (carried 7st 8lb.) .....Kilkorn 1
Mr A N Mahomed's Darby 7st 13lbs (carried 8st 1st) .....Foster 2
Mr Ameer's Caravan 8st 1lb .....J Taylor 3
Messrs. Goculdas and Nanjee's Calcutta 7st 11b .....A Hoyt 4

Also ran.—Zurriff 8st 10lbs, Scimitar 8st 9lb, Shanwar 8st. (carried 8st 8lbs), Settler 7st 10lbs, Little Joker 7st 3lbs, Yatim 7st 6lbs, Gaucho 7st (carried 7st 3lbs), Engine 6st 10lbs, Solicitor 6st 8lbs, (carried 6st 10lbs) and Caroon 6st 6lbs (carried 6st 10lbs).

Betting.—Evens Young Gazelle, fours against Darby, sixes Little Joker and Scimitar, sevens Shanwar, eights Caravan and Caroon,tens and fifteens the others.

The Race.—Yatim was quickest out of the machine and led from Young Gazelle to the quarter mile where he fell back and here Young Gazelle took command followed by Darby and Little Joker. At the bend Caravan displaced Little Joker. Young Gazelle still in lead stayed out a challenge from Darby and won by three-quarter length. One length between second and third. Calcutta coming with late run could only secure fourth position. Time.—1min. 26secs.

Winner trained by Byramjee Rustomjee,

ARAB WELTER PLATE.

Mr Cooke's Betty 9st 4lbs .....Mr Deane 1
Mr Morrison's Tigris 9st 2lbs .....Captain Hughes 2
Mr Grahams Moonib Pasha 9st13lb...Captain Winter 3
Messrs Wood and Badge's Sheik 10st 11lbs Mr. Tomkinson 4

Also ran.—Let Go 10st 10lbs, Deenar 10st 2lb Multiform 10st 4lbs. Wordiemajor 10st 11b, Maluan 8st 10lbs carried 9st 3lbs.

Betting.—6 to 4 against Betty, threes Sheik; sixes Deenar and Moonib Pasha,sevens Multiform, Tigris and tens the others.

The Race.—Multiform got away with a lead for a furlong, then resigned to Tigris who followed by Sheik Moomb Pasha led into the straight. Betty who was gaining ground from the bend came up along the side of the Tigris at the distance and soon overhauling him won the race by one and a quarter lengths; one length between second and third. Time—1min. 13 4/5 secs.

Winner trained by E. S. Deane.

THE PONY PLATE.

G K's Virballa 6st 10lbs.....Kamad 1
Mr Kelso's Russely Rose 9st 8lbs.....J Kilkorn 2
Messrs Goculdas and Nanjee's Gun Metal 9st 10lbs A Hoyt 3
Mr Ward's Mandeville 7st 10lbs.....Southal 4

Also ran.—Encourage 9st 11b, Koko 8st 7lbs, Chippy Norton 8st 11b, Sharavogue 6st, carried 6st 10lbs.

Betting.—2 to 1 on Russely Rose; 9 to 2 against Koko; fives Mandeville; sevens Encourage ;eights Gun Metal, tens Chippy Norton and Virballa, twentie Sharavogue.

The Race.—From a good start Virballa showed out followed by Gun Metal and Chippy Norton. At the three furlongs the favourite came alongside of Gun Metal and at the bend the order was; Virballa, Russely Rose Gun Metal and Chippy Norton, Virballa never headed reached the winning post first, Russely Rose being second lone and three quarter lengths off. Two lengths between second and third. Time.—1 min. 20 2/5 secs.

Winner trained by Sheik Kassum.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN RACES.

First Entries.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 19.

The first entries for the Lucknow Autumn Meeting are very full and exceed all expectations.

There are nineteen entered for the Pony Hurdles, embracing all well-known ponies in Upper India and the Bombay side. Among them is Gladstone, who figures in ownership of that fine cross-country horseman Mr. Tookinson of the Royals.

The Trial Plate for horses has likewise a classy lot of nineteen, Messrs Wood and Badger being strongly represented and the Calcutta Stables also appearing.

Seventeen are shown under the Desert Plate, with only three in the Bombay side interests.

The Half Mile Medium Plate has sixteen, including three or four new ones whose pedigrees are not given.

The Novice Plate has seventeen new Arabs including the smart Silver King and Rains.

Only ten other class ponies appear under the Cantonment Plate.

The Closed Chase has a grand field of sixteen horses, and this ought to be one of the finest races of the meeting.

The Arab Hurdle Race has obtained six entries, but there are sure to be more coming.

So far twenty are shown for the Army Cup, many of whom have competed hopelessly for this event in past seasons.

The Arab Handicap shows a much higher class of fourteen sons of the desert.

The Calcutta Plate has twelve good class horses, the sporting 12th Lancers being largely represented.

Nine Arabs appear under the Chutter Munzil Plate.

The Handicap Pony Chase has fifteen entries, and here again there ought to be a sensational race.

Fourteen appear for the Giant Pony Handicap, otherwise the Horse Race.

Twelve of a smaller class of horses are shown for the Stewards' Plate.

The handicap events for the third day's Race are well supported. Two of the best races this day ought to be for the Lucknow Horse Chase with its eighteen entries and the Welter Horse Handicap with fourteen entries.

The usual Sky Meeting in October is seemingly not to be held this year, which is unfortunate.

Work on the new Grand Stand is making very fair progress, and when ready, it will be the finest structure on any course outside Calcutta, Poona and Bombay. But it is not likely to be ready till the close of October.

DURAND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT,

Entries for 1907.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 19.

The Gloucestershire Regt., 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, 15th King's Hussars, 2nd Royal Berkshire Regt., the Cameronians, 1st West Yorkshire Regt., 1st Seaforth Highlanders,*2nd Royal Scots, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 17th Lancers, 18th Royal Irish, South Stafford Regt., North Stafford Regt., 1st Wiltshire Regt., Royal Sussex Regt., 12th Royal Lancers, No. 9 Mountain Battery, R. G. A., the Foreign Office Club (Simla), the Simla Volunteers Football Club "A" team and the Simla Volunteers Football Club "B" team.

RICHARDSON FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUGUST 19.

After a series of postponements owing to inclemency of the weather during the past month in Poona the Richardson football tournament commenced this afternoon on the Ghorpurie football ground when the Leicesters from Belgaum, who have come down with an enviable reputation, met the Connaught Rangers from Poona; the latter were without four of their best men, hence the very one-sided game which was witnessed by a large gathering despite counter attraction at the racecourse and the weather, was fine. The Leicesters from the opening stages of the game asserted their superiority both in combination and passing tactics. Within a minute of start the Leicesters notched a goal following it up in quick succession with two more goals before the close of half time.

In the second moiety the Leicesters continued to maintain the better of hostilities but failed to add to their previous score, the match resulting as follows.—

Leicesters.....3 Goals.
Connaught Rangers.....Nil.

The losers made a game defence but appeared undoubtedly to be the weaker team.

The East Lancashires from Poona meet the Royal Field Artillery from Kirkee in a second match to-morrow afternoon.

THE Secretary of State has sanctioned the proposals of the Government India for the appointment of an Inspector-General of Excise and Salt. The post is to carry a pay of Rs. 3,000 monthly. The duties will be mainly advisory and only a small central office will be maintained at headquarters, which will be with the Government of India. The Inspector-General is intended to spend much of his time on tour, to give Local Governments the benefit of expert advice upon the very technical subject concerned. The appointment is thus analogous to the the already existing ones of Director-General of Education, Director General of Agriculture, Director of Criminal Intelligence, and Inspectors General of Irrigation and Sanitation which have already proved their utility in keeping the central administration in touch with other services and facilitating the corelation of policy in the different provinces. It is not yet settled as to who the first occupant of the post will be.

SIR JOHN HEWETT will be at Simla for a few days in the middle of next month.

CRICKET.

THE DAIVADNYA C. C. vs THE YAMAGATA C. C.

This match was played on Sunday and resulted in a win for the Daivadnyas by 26 runs. Scores :—

THE DAIVADNYA C. C.

Tunuk, b Pundit	8
Tambe, l-b-w b Pundit	0
Aryamave W B, b Pinguker	3
Morwale, c b Mehta	9
Vagal, run out	8
Gidh, run out	15
Aryamane S J run out	6
Pitale c b Pinguker	8
Diveker b Pundit	2
Vaidde not out	0
Hate c b Adhikari	0
Extras	2
	61

THE YAMAGATA C. C.

Peer Saib b Vagal	15
Ismail b Vagal	2
Pinguker, b Pitale	1
Pandit, b Vagal	0
Adhikari b Vagal	0
Naik c b Pitale	5
Chotalal b Pitale	1
Nadkerni, b Pitale	0
Chundaroker, b Gidh	10
Bhide b Gidh	0
Potnis not out	1
	35

CRICKET AT BHAVNAGAR.

The Lord Northcote Shield Match.

On the 14th, 15th, and 16th, instant a match for the Northcote Shield was played at Bhavnagar between the Samaldas and Baroda Colleges on the B. C. C. ground. The Baroda College suffered a crushing defeat by 166 runs. The score were as follows :—

SAMALDAS COLLEGE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Devji, c and b Moulvi	70	b Moulvi	7
Dane, b Desai	0	b Desai	7
Volera, run out	10	b Desai	7
Dalsi, b Desai	12	b Moulvi	15
Kazi, b Desai	6	b Desai	16
Kania, b Desai	2	b Moulvi	10
Gobel (Capt), b Desai	11	c Malkani, b Desai	1
Dinker, c Thakore, b Moulvi	10	c Patel, b Moulvi	25
Desai, b Desai	1	not out	25
Bhanu, not out	3	b Moulvi	14
Bharucha, b Desai	4	b Moulvi	8
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	135	Total	114

BARODA COLLEGE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mehta, c Dalal, b Dinker	8	b Dinker	1
Thakore H D, run out	19	c Gobel, b Dalal	0
Thakore S T, b Dinker,	0	b Dalal	0
Gupte, b Kazi	11	st Dave, b Dinker	7
Moulvi, c Dalal, b Dinker	7	c Dave, b Dinker	0
Desai D G (Capt), c Devji, b Dalal	2	c Dave, b Dinker	0
Waswani, c Gobel, b Dalal	0	c Bharucha, b Dalal	0
Desai, J M, b Dinker	8	c Desai, b Dinker	0
Dadachanji, b Dinker	0	not out	0
Malkani, not out	0	b Dalal	0
Patel, b Dinker	0	b Dinker	2
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	57	Total	27

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, AUGUST 19.

The depression in North-West India has coalesced with the usual area of pressure there and appears drifting slowly northward again. It has caused nearly general moderate rainfall in the East and Submontane Punjab, Rajputana and Gujarat and light rain in Upper Sind.

The depression in Bengal has developed and is now of moderate intensity, the wind at Saugor Island being over fifty miles an hour at 8 o'clock this morning.

Under its influence both branches of the monsoon combined to give moderately heavy rain in Chota Nagpur and there has also been light to moderate rain in Deltaic Bengal and Orissa.

Some movement of the depression in a west northwesterly direction seems possible.

The rainfall in the Central Provinces and Central India has almost ceased for the present and has become very light on the West Coast, but in the dry area of Upper Burma it has been widespread.

In Burma rain has fallen at nearly every station, the most important amounts being Tavoy three inches, Moulmein and Rangoon four, Akyab three Toungoo, Mandalay, Bhamo and Mytkyina one, and Yamethin three-quarters. Skies are moderately to thickly clouded and humidity and temperature differ by only small amounts from normal.

In North-East India and Orissa the rainfall has been nearly general in Deltaic Bengal, Orisea and Chota Nagpur and local in Bihar, Barisal, had one and half inches, Saugor Istand two, False Point and Chaibassa one and a half, Ranchi three, and Hazaribagh two. Cloud is light in the northern districts but elsewhere moderate to heavy. Humidity and temperature are normal except in the south-west where temperature is lower than usual.

In the United Provinces, Central India and Central Provinces, local rain has fallen in the United Provinces and East of the Central Provinces, Raipur, reporting three-quarters of an inch and Benares half. Cloud is light to moderate over the greater part of the division and there is a normal amount of moisture in the air. Temperature is practically normal.

In North-West India, nearly general rain occurred in the East and Submontane Punjab, Rajputana, Gujarat and Upper Sind, Ambala and Sialkot record two inches, Bikaner and Jaipur one, Mount Abu nine, Deesa four and Ahmedabad, Dwarka and Bhuj three-quarters. Skies are almost clear except in the East of the Central Punjab, Rajputana and Gujarat, where they are heavily overcast. Air is damper than usual in the Punjab, Rajputana and Gujarat and drier in Kashmir. Temperature is low in parts of Rajputana and Gujarat and approximately normal elsewhere.

In the Peninsula, the rainfall has been nearly general but very light on the West Coast. Cloud is thick on the West Coast and North Madras Coast and light to moderate elsewhere. Humidity and temperature are normal except on the Coromandel Coast where air is somewhat drier and warmer than usual.

A forecast for nearly general rain is probable on the Burma Coast, Deltaic Bengal, Orissa, Chota Nagpur, East of the Central Provinces, and West Coast of the Peninsula, local rain in the interior of Burma, Bihar, the Punjab and Gujarat and a few falls in the United Provinces and Rajputana.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 19TH AUGUST.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Outstanding crops benefiting by fine weather.

Hansi.—Looks like rain. Break needed generally. Cotton plants flourishing. Cotton plants want fine weather.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Crop prospects generally good. Gingelly being sown.

Delhi.—Break needed generally. Continues cloudy with slight drizzle.

Agra.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants look well but fine weather wanted for weeding.

Cawnpore.—Seasonable. All crops doing well.

Benawar.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants flourishing.

Amraoti.—Looks like clearing up. All crops doing well.

Khamgaon.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants want fine weather. Food-grains doing well.

Dhulia.—Continues cloudy with slight drizzle. Cotton plants want fine weather. Crop prospects generally good.

Jalgaon.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants want fine weather. Crop prospects generally good.

Broach.—Looks like rain. Has every appearance of a continued fall. Rain general over district. Continues cloudy. Cotton plants want fine weather. Cotton plants slightly damage by too much rain.

Viramgam.—Heavy continuous rain. Break needed generally.

Wadhwan.—Continued cloudy. Break needed generally. Cotton plants expect only slight damage owing to recent rains. Cotton sowing in low-lying fields retarded owing to too much rain.

Dholera.—Break needed generally. Showery.

Barsi.—Looks like clearing up. Seasonable. Sufficient rain fallen generally. All crops doing well.

Sholapur.—Break needed generally. Sufficient rain fallen generally to enable agricultural operations getting a fair start.

Hubli.—Continues cloudy with slight drizzle. Crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants want more rain.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

	Byculla.	Esplanade.	Fort	Colaba.
	In Cts.	In. Cts.	In. Cts.	In. Cts.
Previously registered	86 75	91 31	92 52	85 71
Monday, 19th Aug. 1907	0 43	0 93	0 70	0 81
Total	86 18	91 91	93 22	86 52
Total to date, 1906	33 85	34 81	38 57	33 83

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CUMBALLA HILL, AUG. 19.

Rainfall up to 8 a.m.

	Last 24 Hours. In. Cents.	Total to Date. In. Cents.
Cumballa Hill	0 43	87 08

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON MONDAY, 19TH AUGUST.

STATIONS.	Pressure 8 A.M.	Wind. Directions.	Wind. Average hourly.	Temperature in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade. Humidity.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Since 1st June to date.	Variation, 1st June to date.
Bushire	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Jask	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Muscat	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Aden	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Lahore	29·924	SE	3	91·8	80·3	66	0·49	.....	—2·95
Sirsa	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Delhi	29·915	SE	3	85·7	78·2	80	0·13	7·66	—1·51
Agra	29·929	SW	3	85·6	74·0	80	0·02	17·96	—0·22
Cawnpore	29·932	SW	0	86·9	78·2	85	.....	18·20	—3·77
Allahabad	29·964	WNW	11	88·1	75·6	82	.....	13·32	—10·23
Jhansi	29·931	SW	3	85·2	75·4	89	.....	19·01	—2·98
Jacobabad	29·888	Calm	4	101·1	79·7	81	0·16	3·21	+2·98
Karachi	29·873	W	17	90·4	79·7	74	.....	5·13	—0·68
Jeypore	29·923	S	4	78·2	74·6	93	1·05	12·53	—3·98
Ajmere	29·893	S	6	81·4	73·0	92	0·90	10·62	—3·27
Deesa	29·928	SW	19	77·2	73·4	96	4·47	35·97	+19·09
Ahmedabad	29·886	WSW	13	79·6	76·7	94	0·85	30·9	+5·28
Bhuj	29·878	WSW	21	80·1	74·9	90	0·87	14·23	+4·12
Jamnagar	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Dwarka	29·920	SW	23	79·3	77·1	91	0·73	15·58	— ··
Rajkot	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Bhavnagar	29·915	SW	18	87·0	76·4	83	0·07	13·02	+0·98
Para.									
Veraval	29·949	W	25	79·7	76·8	90	0·03	16·67	+2·50
Neemuch	29·933	WSW	14	79·6	71·7	93	.....	16·46	—2·18
Indore	29·946	SW	11	79·1	70·1	91	0·14	29·26	+2·87
Sangor	29·996	SW	11	79·1	72·8	83	0·15	26·76	—0·11
Jabbulpore	29·922	W	5	83·6	73·3	83	.....	33·97	—16·71
Mohangabad	29·939	WNW	10	84·2	71·8	88	0·04	29·26	— 2·96
Khandwa	29·956	SW	10	85·7	72·1	84	.....	14·07	—4·83
Raipur	29·920	SW	11	83·4	69·4	90	0·85	33·71	+0·78
Nagpur	29·980	SW	9	87·1	72·1	81	.....	35·95	+6·37
Amraoti	29·981	WSW	12	86·1	70·2	81	.....	21·52	+1·09
Akola	29·951	SW	11	88·2	72·1	81	.....	17·79	—2·10
Surat	29·949	SW	15	82·5	76·0	93	0·35	35·56	+3·27
Malegaon	29·710	WSW	14	85·4	70·8	87	.....	19·10	+2·99
Bombay	29·738	WSW	17	82·3	76·4	85	0·51	95·86	+49·61
Poona	29·753	W	17	80·0	69·2	77	0·03	31·75	+17·45
Ahmednagar	29·746	W	14	81·8	69·6	78	.....	13·95	+ 4·73
Aurangabad	29·746	SW	16	87·7	66·7	88	.....	13·77	.....
Sholapur	29·737	SW	20	87·7	69·1	74	.....	13·42	.....
Belgaum	29·810	WSW	19	73·3	69·3	95	5·07	39·50	+8·92
Mormugao	29·839	W	11	82·6	75·9	90	0·09	75·76	+7·14
Karwar	29·823	SW	12	82·2	77·2	88	.....	89·0	—4·14
Mangalore	29·857	Calm	3	82·9	73·2	92	0·79	87·97	+21·31
Calicut	29·876	SW	6	79·2	72·2	93	0·46	113·35	+37·37
Cochin	29·867	NE	1	85·2	73·2	89	0·76	76·94	+18·00
Bangalore	29·850	WSW	11	8·8	65·3	83	.....	13·93	+3·56
Hyderabad (Deccan)	29·753	W	8	88·3	69·7	79	.....	13·97	—1·76
Masulipatam	29·742	NW	12	92·6	79·1	77	.....	15·27	+0·33
Bellary	29·800	WSW	9	90·0	74·2	85	.....	7·49	+2·91
Cuddapah	29·793	NW	6	87·7	77·9	85	.....	5·44	—3·55
Madras	29·763	WSW	8	100·6	79·6	63	.....	7·23	—2·15
Coimbatore	29·860	SW	14	82·9	69·1	86	.....	7·63	+2·06
Trichinopoly	29·808	SW	9	97·6	77·1	67	.....	3·53	—1·09
Negapatam	29·767	W	10	100·4	78·9	71	.....	3·06	—2·66
Colombo	29·674	SW	6	86·5	77·0	82	.....	16·28	+0·77

In column WIND "Rate per hour" L = Light, M = Moderate S = Strong, H = Heavy, F = Fresh.

Bombay Local Rainfalls :—J H = 0·13 (88 57); G T H = 0·60 (9 ·30); S & U H = 1·91 (7 ·15); U P = 0·31 (0·89).

SUMMARY.

Pressure has fallen briskly at Lahore and has changed irregularly and by small amounts over the rest of the country.

Winds are north-easterly at Cochin, southerly or south-easterly in Rajputana and the Punjab and south-westerly to north-westerly elsewhere. The force has been strong in Gujarat and at Karachi, Surat, Bombay, Aurangabad, Sholapur and Belgaum.

Temperature—The maximum is 7° in excess of normal at Madras and Negapatam and 5° to 13° in defect in Rajputana and at Saugor, Neemuch, Bhavnagar Para, Bhuj, Deesa, Agra, Delhi and Lahore. The highest temperature in the shade was 101° at Jacobabad and the lowest 65° at Bangalore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy in all districts. Humidity shows a moderate to considerable increase above normal at Colombo, Surat, Malegaon, Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Neemuch, Jhansi, Jaipur, Ajmer, Deesa, Lahore and Delhi.

Rain.—Only 24 stations report rain to-day, the principal falls being 4·47" at Deesa and 1·02" at Jaipur.

Weather.—The abnormal chart indicates a small depression at and about Deesa, Neemuch, and Ajmer where weather is yet unsettled and rain is to be expected in Gujarat and Sind. Elsewhere local showers are likely.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

SECUNDERABAD NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, AUGUST 16.

THE usual fortnightly dance was held at the Secunderabad Club on Monday. It was a pouring wet night, but in spite of the dampness several people ventured out. There were about eight tables of parties dining in the hall before the dance, which helped greatly to the conviviality of the evening. Mrs. Bayley was present, wearing a very pretty peach-coloured crepe-de-chene dress, and danced a good deal during the evening. Miss Bayley wore black. Miss Carter also wore black, relieved by large crimson geraniums. Mrs. Durnsford wore a pink dress trimmed with black. Mrs. Crawford looked extremely well dressed in black soft net. Mrs. Little wore a handsome white satin dress veiled with black lace. Mrs. Hankin had a dress of soft pearl-shaded silk and chaperoned Miss Leo, who was dressed in white silk. General and Mrs. Hamilton were also present. We are all so sorry to lose them from here. They leave Bolarum early next month on short leave preparatory to retiring. Mrs. Hamilton wore a black dress relieved by large bunches of Neapolitan violets. She is a beautiful dancer and will be a great social loss in every way. Mrs. Fisher wore a light gauzy dress of pale pink. Miss Pendlebury brought a young friend, in fact, there were more young ladies there than usual. The Misses Casson-Walker wore white, and Miss Goad had a very pretty pale blue dress of soft silk trimmed with chiffon. Mrs. Webster, wearing pale pink trimmed with very pretty real lace, we were very glad to see back again. Miss Mackenzie, dressed in pale blue chiffon trimmed with some pretty embroidery, is a visitor here. Mrs. Bettie in a pale blue silk dress enjoyed her dance thoroughly. The floor seemed to be in too-excellent order as several found to their cost: Mr. Crawford fell and hurt his sprained wrist—which was ill-luck.

It is rumoured that there are to be many changes in the official world. Naturally a station of this size must constantly have fresh blood brought into it. It will be a good thing for society if the rumour is true that General Sir Wolfe Murray intends making Bolarum his headquarter station.

We are all much interested in the weddings that are to take place at the close of the year, and also the visit of Lord and Lady Minto, to which everyone is looking forward, though they are only spending a short time here. Still it will give an impetus to trade, which is in a decline at present.

Mrs. A. J. Dunlop gave an exceptionally cheery party at her residence, Secunderabad, on the 16th. It was very well attended. We were all grateful for the break in the weather which allowed us to enjoy tennis and outdoor games again. The recent wet days have made it impossible to indulge in any exercise. There were about sixty people present, and several bridge tables were sought after. Here, at least, bridge holds its own. Miss Carter delighted us with some charming songs. Her voice always pleases; it is so well trained and sympathetic. Captain Sharp, also, of the Manchester Regiment, gave us several songs, and there were several pianists whose playing was delightful. In spite of the terrible weather, this past week has been quite a gay one in Secundrabad, and we hear there are many "At Homes" talked of and some theatricals to come off next month.

AN important change in the recognised system of dealing with plague in India is introduced by the *Gazette of India* published yesterday It consists in abolishing the troublesome and expensive system of house disinfection which has often been the cause of friction in the past and the substitution for it of reliance upon house evacuation and the encouragement of inoculation combined with such measures as are practicable for the destruction of rats.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE WOOING OF LILAC.

BY

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CHAPTER VIII. (Continued.)

"Those two million dollars are as good as won, Bella," Sir Harold said to Mrs. Clayton-Conway. "If that sort of thing hadn't gone out of style, I'd ask you to dance at my wedding."

"I'd die before I'd do it, whether it was in style or not!" she replied vehemently. "Oh! Cupid, why can't things go as we want them to go, in this world? Why couldn't you have been independent of her and her millions, and why couldn't I have been rich in my own right? I shall hate her if you marry her."

"Very likely," he replied. "But no worse than I hate Clayton-Conway,so we are quits. Well good-night, Bella, and thank you for all you've done. You're a brick, and you shall have your reward when we come to spend those blessed two millions. Pleasant dreams. See you in the morning, dear."

And with that, he was gone.

His way lay down the sloping river bank to the footpath along the water's brim, but scarcely had he gone fifty feet before a figure stepped up out of the darkness and confronted him.

"Hullos! you, is it, old Tommy Rot?" he said, recognising Beltran. "Thought you

BY THE WAY.

DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY.

THE late Mr. David Christie Murray's opportunity came to him very early; his tide was at the flood almost at the beginning of his eventful career: "An execution was the most powerful piece of work I have ever done," he once said. "I simply reproduced the whole thing with photographic accuracy. Sala wrote to ask who had done it. The circulation of the paper I was then connected with was doubled. Then I came up to London. To make a successful writer a man must go through every experience possible. An experienced man is far beyond a college-bred man. The Book of Life is more than all other books together. I have tramped, I have campaigned, I have starved, I have dined with Cabinet Ministers. It all goes to the making of a successful novelist." Then he went to Turkey for the "Chicago Times," and acted as "special" for the "Times" and "Scotsman" in the Russo-Turkish War. "I returned," he said, "with plenty of money. 'No more journalism for me,' I said to myself as I set to work on my first novel, 'A Life's Atonement.' Then came 'Joseph's Coat.' I felt myself a 'made' novelist."

A "CHAMPION" PRINTER'S ERROR.

Mr. Murray on one occasion told the story of the champion printer's error of his experience to this effect: "I wrote at the close of the story of 'Grace Forbeach': 'Are there no troubles now?' the lover asks. "Not one, dear Frank. Not one," And then, in brackets, thus [ ] I set the words: [White line.] This was a technical instruction to the printer, and meant that one line of space should be left clear. The genius who had the copy in hand put the lover's speech in type correctly, and then, setting it out as if it were a line of verse, he gave me—

"Not one, dear Frank, not one white line!"

It was a custom in the printing-office to suspend a leather medal by a leather bootlace round the neck of the man who had achieved the prize *betise* of the year. It was somewhere about midsummer at this time, but it was instantly and unanimously resolved that nothing better than this would or could be done by anybody, and the medal was presented at once.

A FAMOUS ANGLOPHILE.

"M. B.-E." writes: "The death is just announced of M. Edmond Demolins, who may be described as the most famous Anglophile of modern France, and perhaps the most widely translated of recent European authors. It is now a decade or so since M. Demolins's work "A quoi tient la Superiorite des Anglo-Saxons" took the world by storm. Since the date of publication tens of thousands of copies have been printed, and editions have been issued not only in most European languages, but even in Arabic. The cardinal points insisted upon by the author are individualism and expansion as seen in English education and social life, and as compared with French systems and stickling by routine. One at least of M. Demolins's theories has been carried out. Lyceens no longer 'walk and talk in prison yards by way of recreation. Football and other games are being slowly but generally introduced in the barrack-like public schools," which up till a recent period needed as much reformation as when Rabelais wrote, several hundred years ago.'

JOHN BULL AND JACQUES BONHOMME CONTRASTED.

"In a later and equally original work—'A-t-on interet a s'emparer du Pouvoir?'—M. Demolins nicely defines English and French. 'The Anglo-Saxon,' he wrote, 'is the most perfect ever invented for gaining and spending money.' The Frenchman's preoccupation, on the contrary, is to obtain some civil employment and live comfortably without running risk or overworking himself, an ideal not calculated to aid national development, either economic or social. He compares the French middle-class and the artisan home with those of England. In the former little or nothing is ever spent for grace or even comfort, whilst in the latter every year, something is added; upholstery will be renovated, books or pictures bought, prettiness obtained at whatever cost. Excellent and desirable as is the French habit of thrift, M. Demolins has pointed out its dangers when carried to excess. Witness certain illustrative stories of Balzac and Maupassant."

CLUB EXCHANGES.

The season of "club exchanges" is in full swing just now, for the present is a time when Clubland is largely given up to an army of painters and decorators. The bishops and judges of the Athenæum are being received by the veterans of the United Service, just across the way; the Union is exchanging with the Reform; and the Conservative with the Junior Carlton. In the case of some of the larger institutions it has been found necessary to accept the hospitality of more than one club at the same time. The Junior United Service, for example, has migrated to the "Senior," the East India, and the Oriental, and will, in return, next month open its own renovated doors to their temporary hosts.

HUMOUR AT THE BUSINESS EXHIBITION.

A welcome relief to the strenuous business of the Business Exhibition was occasionally afforded by touches of humour. In the "Magazine of Commerce" we read that a lady was looking at a booklet entitled 'The cultivation of Export Trade." The cover design rendered the brochure somewhat conspicuous, and the lady picked up the copy and proceeded to walk on. "Are you interested in export trade, madam?" the exhibitor inquired. "Oh, no, not a little bit, thank you," smiled the fair visitor. "I was hoping that you were madam, as that little book is entirely devoted to export trade." "Indeed, I'm afraid I don't know anything at all about trade," confessed the lady blushingly, "but it's such a pretty *cover*!" And before the exhibitor could murmur thanks for this appreciation of his endeavour to touch grey commerce with a rosy hue, the lady and the booklet were gone beyond recall.

THE MARBLE ARCH.

There seems to be some probability that the alteration of the roadways adjoining the Marble Arch, which was first proposed by Mr. Speaight, may be carried out, though, the *Builder* states, not quite in the form originally proposed. That involved taking down the Marble Arch and rebuilding it in a slightly altered position. The proposal now appears to be to take over some land from Hyde Park, which the Office of Works is willing to give, and make a semi-circular place in the rear of the arch, defined by a decorative railing, with access into it from Park-lane and the Park Drive. This will leave a much larger space for the manœuvres of the crowds of vehicles which meet at this point. The arch, left standing in the middle, will, to our contemporary's thinking, look rather absurd—a State gateway leading to nothing, and through which no one will ever drive. But so far as the roadway is concerned, it will be a public improvement.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The launching of the Battleship "Bellerophon" at Portsmouth, a successor of that doughty vessel of the same name which made such a gallant fight at the Nile and Trafalgar, reminds one how much splendid history is associated with some of the names borne by our ships of war. For more than three centuries, for instance, our Fleet has rarely lacked a "Swiftsure." A "Swiftsure" helped to crush the "Invincible Armada" and to capture Cadiz. The flags of Penn and Blake floated over vessels of the same name; and all the way through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, down to Trafalgar, there was scarcely a single seafight in which a "Swiftsure" did not play a gallant part. For the same period, we have seldom been without a "Victory" to show the way. A 'Victory" lowered the flag of many a Spanish galleon in 1588; Blake commanded another; on the quarter-deck of a third, Admiral Myngs, brave old sea-dog, fell in the thick of battle; and from one generation to another "Victory" to "Victory" has handed the torch of glory.

A JACOBEAN TREASURE.

One of the finest specimens of Jacobean "magpie" architecture still remaining in South Lancashire is Old Crooke Hall, which stands on the banks of the river Douglas about two miles below Wigan. Over the porch is carved the date 1608, so that this interesting bit of bygone Lancashire has all but completed its third century. The oak door studded with huge nails, the long wrought-iron hinges, the elaborately twisted knocker, all bear witness to the date of the building. On one side of the porch is a horsing or pillion stone, which takes us back to the days when the lady of the house rode behind her "master" to Wigan market. The two wings of the house are connected by a large low hall with lattice windows set in stone mullions; in it there is a very long oak table, apparently of the same date as the house, for it is carved after the fashion of the early Stuart period. No doubt its really enormous size has prevented its being carried off by devotees of old furniture.

PAST AND PRESENT.

On the south and east of Old Crooke Hall the subsidence of the land, so usual in mining districts, has caused the Douglas to overflow and form many acres of marsh. On the remaining two sides an ugly colliery village has sprung up. The water and village together seem to have conspired to bring the old house to ruin, for though it is still occupied by the tenant of the neighbouring farm, it has fallen on evil days; the woodwork is rotting and the plaster is falling from the weather-stained walls, letting appear the lathe and red bricks beneath. It is to be feared that the surroundings of this really fine-timbered house will prevent any lover of the old and beautiful from putting this relic of the past into a state of thorough repair.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

EMBROIDERED VELVET.

THE embroidered velvet blouse is the blouse of the autumn. This blouse will be somewhat after the American shirt-waist in shape worn with a cloth or velvet skirt. A broad shaped yoke and stole-piece cut all in one and embroidered in conventional or floral designs, turned-down collar, and pointed cuffs will be worked to match. These embroideries can be taken into the country or seaside and worked in spare moments. Another way of ornamenting these will be in filet brode dyed to the same tone as the velvet and the effect is excellent. Some lovely shades of russet-brown and petunia are likely to be the favourite autumnal tints for these velvet gowns and the embroidery in passion flower or clematis design would look well, with just a touch of gold thread introduced here and there. The short sleeveless snoque coat in velvet is another probable introduction. This coat will be rather full and short and a long pointed capuchon, lined with soft silk or satin will reach to the end of the back finished with heavy silk tassels. It will be worn open in the front for preference but plain crochet buttons with dull passementerie frogs will fasten it. This design will replace the taffetas coat which is one of the successes of the summer season.

DAINTY DESIGNS IN NEGLIGEES.

For the full length negligee there is a wide choice of materials, ranging through the realm of lawns and batistes to the light, soft silks, marquisettes Liberty, messaline, Indian, and the more elaborate chiffons and nets, all of which lend themselves charmingly to trimmings of embroidery and lace. One lovely full-length negligee was of broderie Anglaise, with insertions and edgings of Valenciennes, and with bands of pin tucks of plain lawn. The skirt which hung full and straight, was attached to a deep Yoke of pin tucks, with Valanciennes insertions in a Vandyke design. This design was also carried out on the skirt, and the mandarin sleeves, which reached barely to the elbows, finished with Vandyked bands with frills of lace on the edges. A wide Watteau pleat fell in graceful lines from the shoulders. Another lovely negligee was in mousseline, with a satin stripe, and its surface well dotted with small flower sprays. This gown was fashioned with plain semi-fitted skirt in a full Empire effect, and the top part had a yoke composed of bands of narrow lace sewed together, leaving a pointed open neck, which was finished with a frill of lace. The point at the neck and the central point in the waist line were accentuated by a bow of silk. For all-the-year-round wear there is nothing more satisfactory than a negligee of the soft Japanese crepes, which come in all colours, and though firmly woven are light and pliable. At some of the shops just now beautiful crepes in dress-lengths may be bought for a very small sum. Some of these crepes are embroidered by hand, in rich conventional designs, or are accompanied by embroidered bandings ready for application. White pale yellow cream an old blue lavender and all shades of grey, light blue, and pink are favourite colours, and are all very becoming.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague, Attacks.	Plague, Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	2	2	18
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	3	2	11
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahalaxmi	0	0	10
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	1	27
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	2	2	13
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	7
Water Division	0	0	3
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	10
Total	7	7	103
Total plague deaths to date	160,993		
Same date last year	3	1	105

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THE WOUNDED IN NAVAL WARFARE.

The naval medical service has been well represented in the proceedings of the British Medical Association at Exeter. The presidential address in this section was delivered by Inspector-General Porter, M.D., whose review of the measures now in operation for dealing with the wounded in warfare would have been incomplete had it ommitted reference to the object-lesson supplied by the Russo-Japanese conflict. A striking comparison was made by Inspector-General Porter between the Russian system of "improvised makeshifts" and divided authority for attending to the sick and wounded and the Japanese measures, which left nothing to chance. Both Dr. Porter and Fleet Surgeon Gaskell, R.N., emphasised the importance of providing the best treatment for the wounded in fleet actions, having regard to the cost entailed in training Naval ratings. Judging from Fleet Surgeon Gaskell's paper, provision for dealing with the wounded in Naval war's e has not been sufficiently studied by marine architects, and he suggests the provision in new ships of casemated armoured rooms amidships, after the manner of the cockpit in old wooden ships; and in the case of vessels already built, that structural alterations should be made so as to give a large well-lighted and well-ventilated space on a level with the magazines approached by armoured hatchways leading vertically from the upper deck. The discussion on Fleet Surgeon Gaskell's paper elicited a statement to the effect that the provision of well-equipped hospital ships is still under the consideration of the Admiralty. And yet hospital ships are as important, if not more so, as the steam repair ships now attached to fleets and flotillas. Both are essential under modern conditions.

U. S. A. AND MARINE TURBINES.

It is not often that the United States of America are content to follow the lead of other nations as slowly as it is doing with the marine turbine. In spite of our reported success in the "Dreadnought," and allour later warships being designed for turbine machinery, the United States Naval authorities are not convinced, and are still leisurely proceeding with experiments in this kind of marine engine. The "U. S. Army and Navy Journal," quoting from the Report of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, states that "an experimental boiler has been temporarily installed in one of the old buildings of the Naval Academy, and the work of preparing for experimenting with turbine engines is under way. It is expected that the tests and experiments made with these turbines will afford considerable valuable data for use of the bureau, in connection with the designing of turbine installations for Naval vessels. The operation of the turbines will likewise afford useful practical instruction to midshipmen and machanics, prior to the datail of the latter to ships fitted with such machinery." This looks as if the Engineer-in-Chief expects the turbine will eventually be installed.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

The "Russky Invalid," the chief Russian Military organ, gives the following details concerning the forthcoming reorganisation of the Chinese Navy. So long ago as 1901, when he was appointed Viceroy of Pechili, Yuan-Shi-Kai raised the question of reorganising the Chinese Navy, and he sent to Peking a project by which Chefoo was to be the seat of a naval school and a base for the fleet. From that year, a portion of the Budged of the Ministry of War was to be set aside for carrying out these reforms in the Navy, and also for increasing the number of merchant vessels by means of subsidies. At present the composition of the four squadrons of the Chinese Navy is as follows:—The Pei-ho Squadron: Six cruisers of 1,800 to 4,300 tons, one gunboat of 1,250 tons and one destroyers of 335 tons. The Nan-ho Squadron: Five cruisers of 1,477 tons to 2,00 tons and 19 gunboats of 300 to 1,500 tons. The Foo chow Squadron: Five gunboats of 100 tons. The Canton Squadron: Eleven gunboats of 400 to 2,000 tons and 20 torpedo boats. China intends now to order warships abroad.

DISBANDED BATTALIONS.

Mr. Haldane has been giving some information in the House of Commons regarding the officers of the disbanded battalions. It was with rather too light a heart that he undertook the "reduction" of these highly efficient units, which had been brought to a notable degree of efficiency by their zealous and capable officers, and has since found before him the unenviable task of disposing of those same officers. To maintain officers upon full pay, who are supernumerary to the establishment of battalions, is an extravagant form of economy, but no other course was open. He now tells us that thirty-three officers have been transferred with their own consent to other regiments, but throws no light upon the effect of these transfers upon the internal satisfaction of the battalions they have joined. It appears that, though 160 vacancies in the old establishment have been absorbed, the new reduced establishment has not yet been reached, and that there are still 154 officers supernumerary to the reduced establishments, of whom eighty eight are left in the unsatisfactory position of being merely attached to the other battalions, with nothing in particular to do, there being not a few companies with several company commanders available. The number of 154 supernumeraries is made up by sixty-six other officers who have received temporary appointments, but their cases yet remain to be dealt with by extra-regimental promotion, absorption, or retirement. Mr. Haldane rather pathetically remarks that no other steps are possible than those which are being taken. This is very true, but the difficulty is the inevitable consequence of the policy he has adopted with reference to the Regular Army. Of the 803 non-commissioned officers of the nine battalions, 435 have been absorbed, discharged, or transferred to the Reserve or other units, and 363 remain employed with home battalions or depots.

THE REAL ARBITER.

From what has taken place, it might be supposed that some discouragement would be caused in the infantry of the Army, but if this be the case, it is not apparent in the work of the battalions. We doubt if ever a more zealous body of officers, or a more capable, has had charge of the welfare of the British infantry. The spring is found no doubt in the leading of vigilant and distinguished chiefs who, having known what war is, are sparing no effort to make the real arbiter of battles what it should be. In this matter, too, the authorities have supported all efforts that have been made, and the Chief of the General Staff has seen to it that sufficient money has been made available for the training. Years ago we had to deplore the few opportunities that were opened for the exercise of initiative, but very little trace of the old spirit now remains. Sir John French and Sir Ian Hamilton have both set the pattern by sending double companies or half battalions upon independent service to work out tactical schemes, their own officers being responsible for all the varied requirements of marching, camping, supply, transport, sanitation, and compensation of landowners and farmers, a sufficient sum of money being provided. The result has been to evoke the spirit of initiative, and to develop great keenness in the officers employed. Whatever money is spent in this way is well spent, and is indeed better disposed even than upon grand manœuvres. Of course, the work has been progressive, leading up to brigade operations and the coming manœuvres. The brigade commanders and regimental officers have certainly done the best that could have been accomplished, with the reduced battalions they command.

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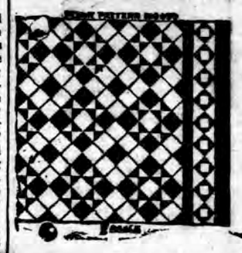

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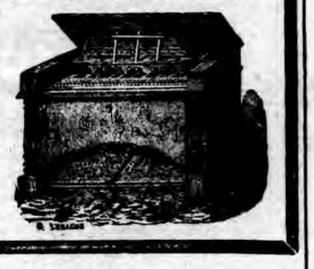

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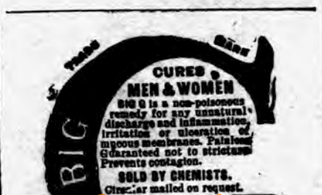

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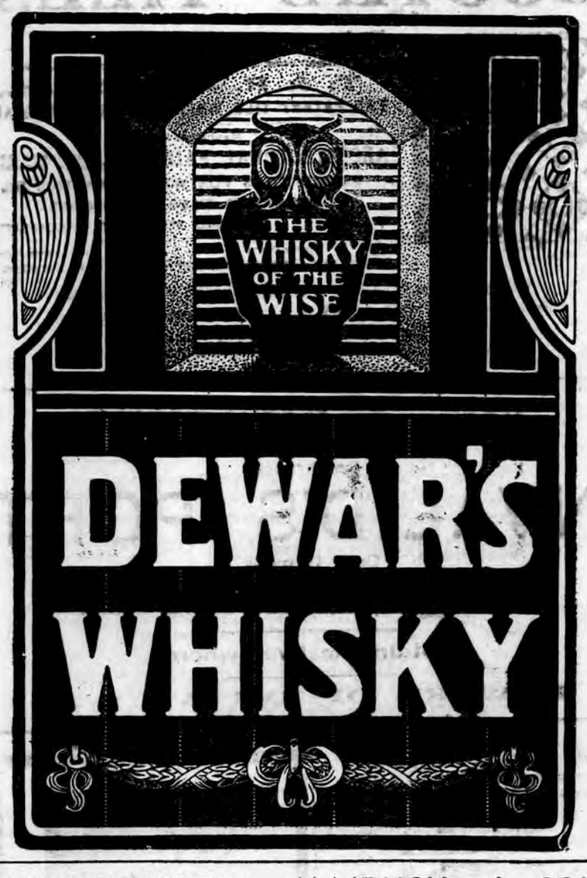

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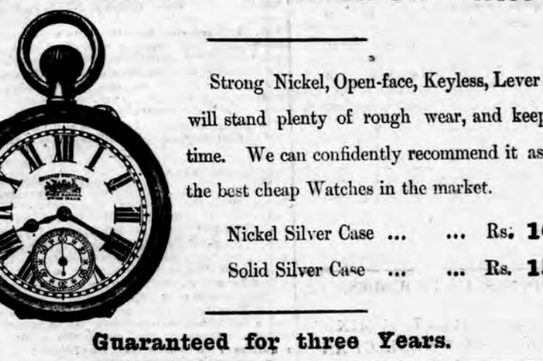

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